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## Wilmington celebrates Memorial Day with weekend events



▲ Look at all that Red, White and Blue! Pictured are: Leo Parisi, Lisa Waterworth, Dom Parisi, Kara and Deed Murry. Jamie, Kevin and Adrianna Chambers, Liz and John Parisi, Clair Chambers and Da Murry.

By JULIA SESSA  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

This past Memorial Day weekend, the Town of Wilmington was brought together to give thanks to all the people that have died fighting for this country. The town honored the 100th anniversary of World War I and Wilmington native Martin Joseph Nee, Sr. throughout all the weekend festivities.

The events started Saturday with decorating graves of veterans at the Wildwood Cemetery. All of the public was welcomed and encouraged to bring their own decorations.

Shortly after, decorating started at the Memorial Library of all the veterans squares and memorials. During the decoration an honorary playing of "Taps" was presented by Ken Michaud.

The following day saw many more events such as a Veterans mass and the rededication of memorials. Also on Saturday, the town put together a reading of all the monuments to give dedication. The monuments are as follows: Vietnam Veterans' Memorial - Wilmington Memorial Library, Robert W. Parent Memorial - Old Town Hall, Middlesex Avenue, Rogers Park - Middlesex Avenue by Town Pound, Ronald Eaton Square - Glen Road and Main Street, Missing at Sea Sailors

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## Faro's 'beautiful life' to be featured on 'Body Bizarre'

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Arianna Faro, 26, of Wilmington, will be seen on an upcoming episode of *Body Bizarre* on Discovery Life. Faro struggles with a disease called Klippel-Trenaunay Syndrome, or KTS, and maintains that life is worth living, even though it may be painful.

The documentary series found Faro from her Facebook blog, which she started in 2015 and still posts in

every day. To prove her optimism, the link is called "Arianna's beautiful life," and her page is chock-full of encouraging posts and pictures of herself.

"I hope from looking at my page, they learn that I'm someone who doesn't give up that easily, and that I'm willing to fight to have a good life," Faro said.

Which must be why the series picked her, because they tell the stories of those who are afflicted and still have a great joy and determination to live with their serious conditions.

Previous stories from the series are things like a toddler with hair all over their body, a woman who cries blood, and a man with three legs. They invite the audience into the lives of these courageous people willing to share with the world, despite

## School Comm. votes to appoint Ruggiero as interim superintendent

By KRISTA BRESNAHAN  
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WILMINGTON — At Wednesday night's meeting, the School Committee voted to appoint Paul Ruggiero as interim superintendent for the 2017-2018 school year, pending contract negotiations.

School Committee Vice Chair Julie Broussard started off the conversation by stating that they need to have someone in place by July 1 or the start of the new school year.

"I think we're all cognizant of the amount of work and the care and attention that the search requires and deserves, so for us to try and rush through that now, or even

over the summer, to get somebody lined up would be a Herculean task... Paul Ruggiero has certainly stepped up to the table in the past year and guided us through a lot of craziness and some very trying situations, and I think he has really risen to the occasion."

"Besides his experience in the central office and knowing this district as he does and the staff, he's also familiar with the initiatives that we currently have started that are underway. He's been the fiscal gatekeeper since I've been on this board, and this district has been in the black unlike many districts in the commonwealth," said Committee member MJ Byrnes. "I've had a sig-

nificant amount of time to watch the partnership between Paul and Joanne Benton who was an educator and to see the collaborative role that they played with each other in driving this district and the success of this district."

She continued: "It's my opinion that having that stability as we undertake another anxious task and a task in which I have no want to rush through. I want to be meticulous with how we go about searching for a permanent superintendent, and knowing that there is a huge shortage out there that we're contending with, we have the odds stacked against us to begin with, and then knowing that we can move forward with a stable environ-

ment for not only our staff, but especially our students, that is my ultimate priority right now."

Committee member Jenn Bryson then brought some concerns to the table.

"I'm also thankful that Mr. Ruggiero has really stepped up this year and gotten us through the last few months. I'm a little hesitant on this appointment. I think that while I agree that we need an interim at this point in the year, I still believe that we should be looking for someone who has experience in teaching and leadership, who has been a district leader, and knows curriculum development.

"Preferably someone with

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# Wilmington Middle School honor and high honor roll

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Gandhi Anay	2022	Patil Aryan	2023	McClymer Kelly	2021	Giuliano Lauren	2022	Catalano Isabella	2023		
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History:

# No crossing accidents on the Boston & Lowell, but old bridges became a problem

By CAPT LARZ NEILSON  
and LARZ F. NEILSON

It was in 1830 when the Great and General Court of Massachusetts granted a charter for a railroad to run between Boston and Lowell. Today, that rail line is the oldest operating rail line in the USA.

The presiding genius in the inception, and then in the construction of that railroad was Patrick T. Jackson. Genius is said to be 1/10 inspiration and 9/10 perspiration, and Jackson was well-qualified in that respect. He proved himself to be no armchair president, but rather one who was out on the road all the time, watching the progress of the work.

Asa Sheldon, in his book "Wilmington Farmer," tells of Jackson.

The railroad was capitalized at \$1,200,000, and shares were sold for \$500, compared to the \$100 for which stock in the early railroads sold. Much of the money came from the men who owned the cotton mills in Lowell. They wanted transportation between their mills and the port of Boston.

Some of them were among the proprietors of the Middlesex Canal, but the canal was slow and was frozen in the winter.

Railroad charters customarily included the right of eminent domain, allowing the railroad to seize property for its right of way. But Jackson didn't want to use that right. A roadway had already been surveyed, one that went through the various Middlesex villages.

It is said that the original route projected the railroad to run near where Wilmington Common is now. Jackson found that there were objections from the villagers. They didn't want the smoke or noise from the locomotives. Perhaps it would be nearer to the truth to say that the villagers wanted more money for their land.

Jackson hired eminent engineer Benjamin Franklin Baldwin to lay out a new route for the railroad. Baldwin was the son of Col. Laommi Baldwin of Woburn, who had designed the Mid-

dlesex Canal.

When B.F. Baldwin laid out the new route, it was as it is today, and in Wilmington, this was along the route of the old canal.

The new railroad was 25.758 miles long, and when it was finished, it had cost over \$1,600,000 to construct, or about \$60,000 a mile.

Other railroads being built at that time cost about \$40,000 a mile. But there was a good reason for the added cost. Jackson was building for permanence and safety.

At every road crossing, he had a bridge built to safely carry horse-drawn wagons over the railroad. Other rail lines frequently had accidents at grade crossings.

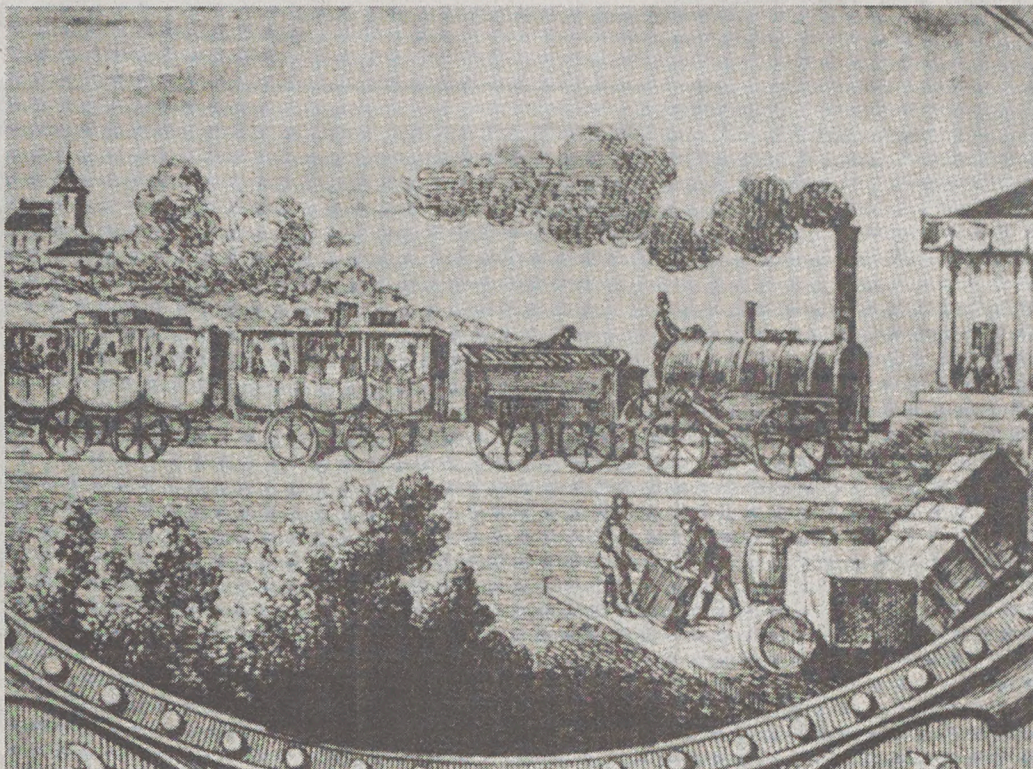
He had stone railroad ties, not wooden ones. They were laid on foundations that went down about three feet into the ground. No frost was going to heave his railroad around.

The stone sleepers (or, if you please, railroad ties) were not the only extra that went into the rail construction. The iron rails, imported from England, had a peculiar form. It was formed with "fish-backs," to give it resistance to the weight of the trains.

The theory was that the railroad would be rigidly level. Other railroads, being laid on wooden ties, would have the trains always going up-hill, as the tracks gave way under the weight of the trains. But this would not be the case on the Boston & Lowell.

The theory was good, and Jackson's track probably would have lasted forever, but it didn't consider the frailties of the human body. It was found that passengers riding in trains that ran on tracks with wooden ties were comfortable. Rides on the Boston & Lowell, though, were found to be "bone-breaking," because of the rigidity of the track.

Within two years of the railroad's 1835 opening, all those stone sleepers had been removed, replaced with wooden ties. Piles of stone ties were to be found in many places along the line, and several houses were built with those stone sleep-



◀ The first train on the Boston & Lowell ran on May 27, 1835.

(This ran in the Town Crier in 1968, giving the source as the Boston & Maine Railroad.)

western abutment was undercut by the sewer trench. The bridge had to be torn down and rebuilt.

The obvious question here is why it was rebuilt as a narrow wooden bridge. There were no plans ready for a modern bridge, and the legal work, land-taking, design, appropriation and bidding would have taken years. So the sewer contractor replaced the bridge as it had been. There is a new abutment at the western side, and the materials were all new, but its design is nearly 200 years old.

There have been calls for a new bridge, but there is also opposition. There are many people who dread crossing the bridge, having to back down when someone is coming the other way. But some people living on Butters Row and Chestnut Street do not want to endure the traffic that a modern bridge would allow.

ers in the foundations.

And while those stone sleepers were soon gone, the bridges that Jackson had built were still in place more than a century later. But while they safely carried horses, carriages and even oxcarts, they proved to be inadequate for modern traffic.

The Shawsheen Avenue bridge was repeatedly broken by overloaded gravel trucks. The seven old narrow wooden bridges in town were challenging for motorists. Two cars could not pass on a bridge, which often meant that one driver would have to back down a narrow approach.

Replacing the bridges, though, proved to be a serious problem. The town owned the road leading up to the bridge, but the railroad owned the bridge structure.

The Boston & Lowell had become part of the Boston & Maine. The railroad ran into financial difficulties in the 1950s, and was no longer able to maintain the bridges.

It became a bureaucratic nightmare. Neither the town nor the state could undertake repairs or replacement, and the railroad was in bankruptcy.

Rep. Fred Cain took the problem to the state house, and was finally able to get the state to take over ownership of the bridges. The Nichols Street bridge was the first to be replaced. In 1974, a new bridge was built for Route 129, taking out two old bridges on Shawsheen Avenue and Bridge Lane.

Vandals made the next move, burning the Lake Street bridge. That road remained closed for a long time before Rep. Jim Miceli secured a temporary metal bridge, and finally a permanent replacement.

The replacement of the bridge in Wilmington Square was a major challenge. The railroad is but a short distance from but parallel to Main Street. Plans were

drawn that would have taken out all the buildings in the Square, but those plans were rejected. The state had 17 alternative routes for Route 129/38, including one called "no build," just for comparison. When townspeople were asked to vote, though, "no build" won.

It took many years, but the state was finally able to

build a replacement bridge in the Square. Not only does it solve all the old problems, but it even looks nice.

The one remaining wooden bridge is on Butters Row. Quite ironically, the structure is actually newer than some of the replaced bridges. When the interceptor sewer line was built in 1981, parallel to the railroad tracks, its

## Town Wide Yard Sale

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## 17 graduate from UNH

DURHAM, NH — The following students participated in the University of New Hampshire Commencement Ceremony held Saturday, May 20, 2017, in Durham, N.H. Students who received the honor of magna cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.65-4.0; students who received the honor of magna cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.65-3.84; and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.64.

Students are only graduated after the Registrar's Office has certified that all degree requirements have been successfully completed. Participating in the commencement ceremony is the act of honoring and celebrating academic achievement.

• Brittany Zaccagnini of Wilmington graduated with a BA degree in Psychology  
• Colin Doherty of Wilmington graduated Magna

Cum Laude with a BSAM degree in AM: Economics

• Colleen Brothers of Wilmington graduated with a BSENC degree in EnSci: Hydrology

• Daniel Fothergill of Wilmington graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BA degree in Mathematics

• Gianna Tummino of Wilmington graduated with a BS degree in Social Work

• Justin MacKinnon of Wilmington graduated Cum Laude with a BS degree in BusAdm: Info Syst&Bus Analytics

• Megan Howland of Wilmington graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BS degree in Nursing

• Ryan Holloran of Wilmington graduated with a BS degree in BusAdm: Marketing

• Melissa Tonra of Wilmington graduated with a BS degree in BusAdm: Accounting

• Alexander Guarnotta of Tewksbury graduated with a BS degree in BusAdm: Finance

• Alyssa Guida of Tewksbury graduated with a MED degree in Secondary Education

• April Cain of Tewksbury graduated with a BA degree in Communication

• Jayne Allen of Tewksbury, MA graduated with a PHD degree in Psychology

• Matthew Donovan of Tewksbury graduated with a BA degree in Political Science

• Michelle Lozowski of Tewksbury graduated with a AAS degree in Veterinary Technology

• Nicole Ricciardi of Tewksbury graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BS degree in Communication Sci & Disorders

• Vanessa Draper of Tewksbury graduated with a MS degree in Accounting

## Destruction of temporary records for WHS Class 2012

WILMINGTON - To the Members of the Wilmington High School Class of 2012:

In accordance with the Student Records Regulations of 1976, this letter is to notify you that the temporary academic records of Members of the WHS class of 2012 will be destroyed on July 1, 2017.

The only record to remain on file at

Wilmington High School will be the WHS transcript.

If you wish to obtain your records, in person, please contact Sue Murray in the WHS Guidance Office, (978) 694-6068, prior to July 1, 2017. The records cannot be mailed or picked up by persons other than the graduated student.

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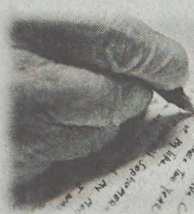
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## Letters to the editor

### Community input requested for job description and role of full-time Substance Abuse Counselor

Dear editor,  
The Town of Wilmington will begin the process of seeking candidates to create a new full-time position for a "Substance Abuse Counselor."

Wilmington will have an opportunity to place a professional into a dedicated role to work with residents of Wilmington to assist and address the needs of clients and families in areas of addiction treatment management and access. There are a few surrounding communities that have addressed their communities' substance use disorder (SUD) crisis with the establishment of outreach programs with workers that serve to educate the community on addiction prevention and management needs.

Wilmington has an opportunity to gather guidance and data from those communities with outreach specialists, but we need to remain cautious not to adopt programs without evidence-based proof of effective outcomes. Wilmington can certainly benefit from a specialist to expand awareness, provide recovery resources, and engage in community outreach activities; however, an expanded role needs to be explored prior to committing to a program.

Preventative education measures are usually accomplished very successfully through departments of health. Because SUD / opioid addictions are currently a public health crisis, a multi-modal approach is necessary. In order to develop a successful role for this newly approved position, the Board of Selectman must understand the etiology of addiction and the purpose of recovery assistance services for those residents with (SUD).

Unless the board has a solid understanding of SUD, it is not realistic for any member to make a final determination as to the goals of the position. It would be an unfair expectation for the community to anticipate that the board and town leaders have extensive knowledge of addiction unless one worked within the field of addiction.

To this reason it is imperative that the town embrace community input because it can be critical to the success of the position and the residents of Wilmington.

I am writing to request that board members and any involved town officials that are tasked with crafting a job description/role engage the families and loved ones of those with SUD's in order to gain useful insights to the expressed priorities of the community concerning treatment needs or other services.

Employee assistance programs can be queried for proposed models of treatment bed search methods.

Some examples of assistance programs that search for treatment beds are within the branches labor assistance programs. These assistance programs focus on gaining access to beds in order to provide direct treatment for the person seeking recovery. They understand — as do the client and client's family — that timing is everything.

An assistance program specialist understands that when a client with SUD makes the decision to seek treatment — treatment must be found quickly.

Before Wilmington embarks on a plan to hire a professional to provide addiction counseling services, we need to recognize what will be most valuable to those residents with SUD's and their loved ones. Without access to a knowledgeable resource specialist to conduct bed searches, clients and families are left isolated in a process that is exhausting and bewildering.

Families in crisis can be successful in finding a bed on their own however if they do not have the skills or experience to navigate through the process, their efforts can be in vain. Families cannot wait for a brochure or an outpatient counseling appointment to access an urgent intervention.

Fatal overdoses happen within the same moments that recovery is sought — but an available bed does not always materialize in time.

My hopes are that you would be willing to engage the community in voicing their very valuable insights to address the needs for proactive addiction assistance services for the residents of Wilmington. Families with loved ones with SUD's require aggressive advocacy and knowledgeable assistance to access needed addiction treatment.

I respectfully request a response that hopefully relates your willingness to take pause and schedule a meeting to provide ample opportunity for residents to express their needs regarding the role and functions of a "Substance Abuse Counselor."

Please convey your collective responses as soon as possible so that suitable provisions can be made for notification to residents. I anticipate a thoughtful and constructive discussion regarding the position and the needs of our town. I await your responses and have included individual notifications of this request to each selectman. Thank you for your very valuable time.

Sincerely,  
Lauren Pedi



WPD Chief Michael Bergonis and Veterans from WW11. Memorial Day 2017.

(Photo by Bruce Hilliard.com)

### Memorial Day: A time for reflection and remembrance

By PAUL ANDREWS  
Guest Column

Parades, flags and even races on land and on the ocean marked the most recent weekend as hundreds traveled to the local cemeteries or to Town Crier city/town commons to see the events that marked the anniversary of all veterans of all wars who gave up their lives for their country.

We need to pay special homage to all veteran's agents (past and present) for the incredible work these folks do all year long for veterans and their families at times of immediate and long-term need. Too often we see them mentioned on parade issues but their work is so special and much needed for such a vital population of our military families.

#### Parades and cemetery events

Having watched so many Memorial Day events over the years, several threads of commonality are present in each of our communities including prayers, the reading of a Proclamation and always the special and silent dignity of each event. Too often we see many of

these special tributes missing a large representative of citizens but each of these events go off with dignity and class giving due honor to all those who have passed both recently and long remembered.

The day has always been to me a time to pay respects to members of our families, as well: laying side by side with the graves of veterans so the usual happenings at the Memorial Day cemeteries include a spiritual component, as well as a visitation for all to pay their special respects to the many family members who have passed and gone on before us with chances for prayer and for many quiet reflection.

#### Dover AFB and Arlington National Cemetery

Many media this weekend discussed the importance of Dover Air Force Base and Arlington National Cemetery. Dover AFB in Delaware, north of D.C., is the base where victims of war are brought before moving on to families of the loved ones.

One pilot, who saw her dad taken to the base before being taken to Colorado

Springs, said this weekend that she feels her position is just so important, as she is now responsible for this flight process and feels honored to be able to bring home to their families the loved ones who await her plane on the tarmac at Dover for the very special white glove tribute of removing our veterans into the Dover facilities for preparation and a final transport home.

This young pilot says that because she experienced this sad part of her life, she tries to help the members of all families in their grief and feels this ceremony at Dover is so very special and marked with silence, care and dignity.

At Arlington National Cemetery, the spokesperson commented on the fact that "every day is Memorial Day for them" but certainly this weekend is even more special every year. I am sure that many readers have been to Arlington National as it is such a special location overlooking D.C. across the Memorial Bridge. As is the case when I visit all cemeteries, at least to me, there is a really special feeling and at Arlington National this is many times

greater as you just see the huge number of graves on the hillside including presidents, generals and members of all branches of the armed service.

The spokesperson over the weekend commented with concern that they are running out of room and need to make some decisions around added space soon.

#### Silence and respect

For all of the events that I have referred to in this column, the word "silence" is so much a part of all local visits to our cemeteries and even in times of prayers today, which in my mind, translate to respect for those who are buried in these sacred grounds whether they are in local Town Crier land, Arlington, Virginia or National Cemeteries including Bourne and others across our land.

Silence and respect are attributes and marks of praise and in many ways, and a tribute to our special people we honor. May they all rest in peace.

JUST A NOTE: Thank you for honoring me with your time in reading this column, and feel free to contact me at [andrews@massupt.org](mailto:andrews@massupt.org).

### House bill would harm seniors

Dear editor,

I am writing to express my opposition to several key components of the "American Health Care Act" passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on May 4, 2017. As an elder law attorney, I analyze proposed legislation in terms of how it may impact my clients, who are mostly seniors and their families.

When seniors come to my office, regardless of their political affiliation, they share a uniform desire for affordable, quality care they can rely on as they age. Unfortunately, the House bill does more harm than good for seniors.

First, the House bill would put more seniors in the awful position of having to choose between keeping their family home or qualifying for Medicaid benefits (known as MassHealth benefits in Massachusetts). Medicaid benefits are a lifeline to seniors with less than \$2,000 of countable assets who require long term care at home or in a nursing facility.

Current law allows states like ours with high real estate values to increase the Medicaid home equity exemption from \$560,000 to \$840,000. This enshrines our nations and our Commonwealth's longstanding public policy of protecting our citizens' primary residences, and tailoring Medicaid eligibility regulations to match local market realities in different states.

The current equity exemption does not shield the home against a Medicaid lien — it just ensures that the home value alone does not bar the senior from qualifying for Medicaid. Indeed, in many cases, Medicaid can still record a lien on the house to recover upon a beneficiary's death all benefits paid.

In contrast, the House bill would treat any equity above \$560,000 as a countable asset for Medicaid purposes — regardless of the local real estate market — thus barring many low income/low asset seniors from qualifying for Medicaid for the long

term care they require. A senior who needed long term care would be barred from coming home.

Consider how this will harm the many seniors in Wakefield, Lynnfield, Melrose, and other nearby towns who bought their homes decades ago. Despite the fact that most of these seniors have low incomes and modest savings, Medicaid will deny them desperately needed benefits solely because their homes have appreciated so much in value. Should a senior living here be subject to the same home equity cap of a senior living in Oklahoma? I think not.

Second, the House bill would end retroactive Medicaid coverage on long term care applications. This will financially harm seniors and their families who are already overwhelmed with transitioning to nursing facilities.

Under current law, Medicaid will award benefits retroactively up to three months prior to an application date, assuming the senior is otherwise eligible for benefits during that period.

The House bill would deny any benefits before the application date. On first glance, this may sound fair. But I urge you to put yourself in the shoes of one of the hundreds of local families who will be harmed by this proposal.

Imagine that you have suffered a health crisis or suffer Alzheimer's disease, which leads to hospitalization followed by nursing facility rehab. Then abruptly, you are moved from your rehab bed to a long term bed at the facility — all in the span of a few weeks. You (and your loved ones, if you are fortunate enough to have loved ones — many seniors today are all alone) are exhausted, traumatized, overwhelmed and fearful.

The House bill would require that you miraculously understand extraordinarily complex Medicaid regulations, prepare a frighteningly confusing application, and

file it immediately along with the hundreds of pages of financial verifications required under the Medicaid five-year look back period.

Given the realities of the situation, virtually all seniors need a couple of months to complete the application process, which is why current law allows retroactive benefits for a three month period before the date the application is filed.

By denying retroactive benefits, the House bill will cause seniors and their families to owe up to three months of additional private pay obligation to nursing facilities. Given that some local nursing facilities cost roughly \$15,000 per month, that debt could reach tens of thousands of dollars.

Third, the House bill will dramatically increase health insurance costs for seniors. Current law limits insurers from charging more than three-to-one for the same plan between older and younger adults. The House bill loosens

the ratio to five-to-one. You do not have to have a math PhD to figure out who loses under this proposal.

My understanding is that the MA delegation to the House of Representatives uniformly opposes the House bill. But you can still help by contacting your Representative to share your concerns about these provisions that will harm seniors. The MA delegation has much work ahead to convince those House members who voted for this bill and Senators who may consider supporting it that it does more harm than good for our nation's seniors.

Submitted by,  
Patrick G. Curley, Esq.  
Attorney Curley is one of just 23 Certified Elder Law Attorneys in MA and serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the MA Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. He practices law at Curley Law Firm LLP at 1 Common Street in Wakefield.

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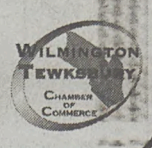
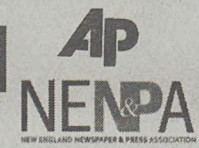
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# The things people used to play — back in the good old days

By BRENT CLARK

Everyone has said it. Today's kids don't know what they're missing. All the kids do these days is sit around on their video games, computers, or phones. It's true for most of them, and I feel bad for them.

In light of these observations I decided to compile a list of things we used to do and games we used to play back in the "olden days" — as my kids used to say.

We used to play hard all day, until the street lights came on, or the fire horn would blow at nine o'clock. There was always a game going on somewhere in the neighborhood.

We used to play kickball and basketball (our first basketball hoop was a bottomless peach basket — nailed to a telephone pole). In later years we used to dribble a ball down to the high school courts, play all night, and then dribble home. In the winter there was Town League basketball to play every Saturday.

We used to play baseball at old Rice's field. A home run was a hit way over the hedges into Attorney Mr. Altman's yard. Once the ball was in his yard, then that ball was gone. We were all afraid to go in his yard or go and ask for the ball from Mr. Altman. Sometimes these homeruns were game ending homeruns because we didn't have another ball.

We played "Outs" "Pepper" and "Pickles". All involved different baseball rules and skills.

Half ball was a great game. We used to play it behind the old Methodist Church. The game involved cutting a pimple ball in half and trying to hit it with a broomstick when pitched in by the opponent. The farther the hit would decide if it was a single, double, triple, or homerun. If caught in the air or on the ground it was an out. Another game involved slamming a kickball off the steps with the same rules.

We also used to play giant kickball games behind the church, in the parking lot. There were so many kids in the neighborhood that it was so easy to get a game going. We also played kickball at the old elementary Walker School.

Oh, and don't forget football. We played football for hours in the old field. We played tackle even without pads or helmets. I and my brothers (along with many old names like the Gillis's, Casey, Rice, and many more) were the first to play other towns in football before it was called Pop Warner Football.

When we were young we used to play trucks, bulldozers, and tractors. I remember there was a banking in the side of our driveway that we always had dug up as we had many construction projects going on. We used to call all players the name of "Joe." At anytime we could have four or five guys named "Joe" playing. Even to this day my brothers and I sometimes call each other "Joe."

Other things we used to play were yo-yos, marbles, homemade slingshots, apple flingers, mumblety-peg or "eat the peg." This was a game of skill where you competed with others doing various tricks with a jackknife. This was a potentially harmful game where the loser had

to "eat the peg" or a small stick. Wow, no kidding.

Hot rods were always in different stages of progress. Girls' baby carriage wheels or any wagon wheels in the neighborhood were never safe from the hotrod builders. A hotrod could be as simple as a piece of lumber with a swiveling front two by four, and giant spikes as axels on the back. Or, hotrods could be a real soapbox type. We, however, always went for the simple hotrod as the soapbox usually required the assistance of an adult that we didn't have.

The funny thing about hotrods is that a hill was usually needed to make it go, but we spent hour upon hour taking turns pushing each other, and had a blast.

We also were in on the first skateboards. Roller skates used to be adjustable. They were strapped on to your shoes or sneakers. We used to split the skates and mount them to a board and mount a square type of wooden box to the top as a handle. I'm sure you have seen pictures of these.

Water was a great part of our play life. We swam in the brook beside our house, the forbidden pits near North Reading, Silver Lake, or any other type of water we could find. The pits were especially attractive to us simply because they were forbidden.

In hind-sight, I do believe they were very dangerous. As soon as you entered the water there was an immediate drop off. If you couldn't swim, then you were a prime candidate to drown. My siblings and I learned to swim at a very early age at Silver Lake. Our mother was a great swimmer. I learned how to swim by riding on her back as she swam in shallow water. One of my fondest memories of my mother and good old Silver Lake.

We also built many rafts and boats to travel the waters. At one time we traveled in a half oil drum boat for miles through Clark Woods, behind the high school, under Swain Road and as far as Federal Street. At Federal Street, a few girls threw rocks at us for coming into their territory — they said. One of those girls could have been my first wife whom I married in later years. She lived on Federal Street. The things we remember.

We used to pick wild blueberries, blackberries, black raspberries, apples, chestnuts (chestnuts grew on giant trees up by the high school). Berries seemed to grow all over town and we could never get enough. Oh, and don't forget the wild grapes. We used to eat those whether they were ripe or not.

We at any time could and would become some type of super hero. Characters like Zorro, Superman, Batman and the Lone Ranger. Old pillow cases (and sometimes not so old) would make a great cape, and a foil covered piece of wood or a stick would be a great sword.

I remember building so many different types of huts or forts. When I was real little, it was such a blast to gather a mess of pine needles in the woods and outline a house or a fort with giant walls made out of pine needles. We built ground huts, underground huts in the sand pit near our house, and tree huts. My older brothers once built a tree hut that was seven



stories high. To gain entrance you had to climb up to a door on the third floor and then go down or up from there. Soon after they built it they lost interest and I and my younger brothers and friends had so much fun with it.

"Catching" things was always a great past time for us young boys. We liked to catch sun fish and horn pout (catfish), turtles, frogs, pollywogs, crayfish, snakes, and just about anything that moved. Everything had to be caught, put in a bucket and examined. After these animals were shown to every kid in the neighborhood with pride, then hopefully they would be let go.

As summer nights began to grow dark we would play games like Ree-lee-vee-o, and Hide-in-seek. I can still hear the crickets going and the bugs buzzing into the night as someone yells "my gools one two three!!" Or the excitement of running as fast as I can in the night to free the prisoners and yell "Ree-lee-vee-o!" Feelings like that you can never recapture, but, you can remember. So much fun.

On rainy days there was a ton of things to do inside. Blankets draped over from beds to bureaus made great huts as we played checkers, read books, and played card games like War, Crazy Eights, Go Fish, and Solitaire. I always enjoyed the coziness of those times.

I had four sisters that had many things that they played. They played house, dolls, hopscotch, dress up, baby carriages, and jump rope. I learned to jump rope from my sisters and their many friends. I still remember some of the old jump rope songs to this day. One of mine was — B my name is Bubba — My wife's name is Betty — We live in Boston — and we eat baked beans. Funny what we remember. I love to teach those songs to my granddaughters.

As I begin to end this essay, I can't help thinking about how we used to travel all over town by walking, running, or bike riding. If a kid had a bike and the other kids didn't, then the other kids would simply run alongside the kid on the bike, if there too many to ride double or triple.

And did I mention homemade bow and arrows, pogo sticks, cats in the cradle, marbles, slinkys, Chinese jump rope, baseball card competitions, comic books, tops, jacks, swings, hula hoops? And I don't want to forget frozen pond and tennis court skating, and sliding on the giant snow banks at the church parking lot, using cardboard, pans, sleds, and saucers, or sliding and learning to ski on the hill behind the Fire Station that ran down onto the bog, and the giant

Robby Demedeiros and Dante Capozzi caught tiny fish in a bucket at Silver Lake Beach one recent Thursday when the temperature hit 95 degrees in Wilmington.



▲ Patrick Donovan, age 20 months, spent a recent Thursday afternoon playing in the sand at Silver Lake. (Photos by Maureen Brady)



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Foliar treatments and cut stump applications using herbicides approved for use near sensitive areas will take place between June 5, 2017 and October 20, 2017. The exact time is dependent upon weather conditions and field crew availability. Treatments will be made by Wilmington DPW licensed / certified applicators using the herbicides listed in the Yearly Operations Plan, as referenced on the Wilmington DPW's Tree-Division / Vegetation Management website at <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/highway-division/vegetation-management>.

Technical questions related to the treatment program, VMP, or YOP may be directed to DPW Operations Manager Jamie Magaldi at 978-658-4481, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887.



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#### Ribbon Cutting/Wine & Cheese Social

Date: Thursday, June 8  
Time: 3:00 pm  
Place: The Residence at Joan's Farm,  
100 Donny Martel Way, Tewksbury

#### Wilmington's 13th Annual

Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk  
Date: Sunday, September 17  
Time: 10:00 am  
Place: 10 Waltham St. (WCTV)  
Registration OPEN @  
[www.ChamberRace.racewire.com](http://www.ChamberRace.racewire.com)

#### MEGA Multi-Chamber Networking/Summer Outing

Date: Thursday, June 15  
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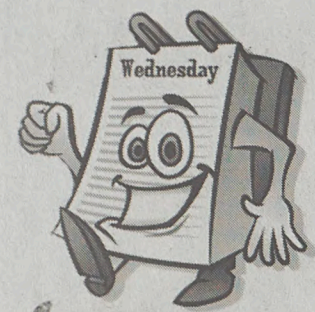


## Clownin' around

Taya Torra and Ally and Riley Morrison shook hands with Kacey, a Shriner's Clown during the Tewksbury Memorial Day Parade.

(Photo by Maureen Brady)





# Community Calendar

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## Wilmington Calendar:

### Town beach opens on Saturday, June 10

**Boy Scout Troop 126**  
Thursdays from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Villanova Hall  
Wilmington's Troop 126 is looking for new members. Boys in grades 6 are eligible to join Scouting. Boy Scouts learn important skills like swimming, personal fitness, and leadership. Go to Villanova Hall during a weekly Thursday meeting from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. to discuss joining Scouts.

**Wilmington Sons of Italy Junior Lodge**  
Third Sunday of each month  
Fourth of July Building  
Children ages 10-18 are eligible to join the Sons of Italy Junior Lodge, a local charitable organization. Applicants do not need to be Italian. Members of the lodge participate in numerous fundraisers and other events. The Junior Lodge has frequent community service events and several leadership positions available each year. Dues are \$10 per person for the year.

**Wilmington High School Graduation**  
The Wilmington High School Class of 2017 will be graduating Sunday, June 4.

**Shawsheen Tech Graduation**  
The Shawsheen Tech Class of 2017 will be graduating Thursday, June 8.

**Town Beach Opening**  
The Town Beach at Silver Lake will be opening to the public on Saturday, June 10.

**Boy Scout Flag Day Waffle Breakfast**  
Sunday, June 11 from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Villanova Hall  
Proceeds from the Flag Day waffle breakfast fundraiser benefit Wilmington's Boy Scout Troop 126. Tickets

are \$8 at the door. Come and support local Scouting.

**Yoga 12 Step Recovery Addiction Program**  
Friday, June 16 at 7:15 p.m.  
Yoga Loft, 3 Lopez Road  
Y12SR is a 12-step based discussion and yoga practice that is open to anyone and everyone dealing with their own addiction or affected by the addictive behaviors of others. This is an open and inclusive group, welcoming everyone. Y12SR combines the 12 steps with yoga addresses addiction and co-dependency as the physical, mental, and spiritual disease because 'the issues are in the tissues.' The workshop is donation based. You can sign up ahead of time or drop in to a monthly meeting. Check the Yoga Loft website for monthly dates.

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15 Gambling stake  
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20 Cross the creek  
21 Drop  
22 Thud  
23 Sherpa's country  
26 A king's -  
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30 Crooner  
31 Crosby  
32 Library sect.  
33 Flying mammal  
34 Toad's kin  
35 Singer Home  
36 Hush-hush  
38 Customer  
39 Autumn color  
40 Squishy  
41 Oaf  
43 Evening gown fabrics  
46 Obstinately  
48 Any minute  
50 Dots in the Seine  
51 Males  
52 Painted tinware  
53 - vera  
54 Lyric poem  
55 Snooty one

**DOWN**  
1 Hot spring  
2 Dryer fuzz  
3 Sarge's pooch  
4 Warm air current  
5 Shinbone  
6 Trucker's haul  
7 Mongrel  
8 Steel girders (hyph.)  
9 Teen outcast  
10 "Fish Magic" artist  
11 Down in the dumps  
17 Pluck a banjo  
19 Family mem.  
22 Pound on the door  
23 Core  
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25 Gourmet appetizer  
26 Rampage  
27 Not defy  
28 Go for the gold  
30 Multiplied  
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34 Feels anxious  
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38 Casino action  
40 Hollywoods "Duke"  
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Answer to Puzzle

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## Tewksbury Calendar:

### Shawsheen Tech graduation on Thursday, June 8

**Shawsheen Tech Graduation**  
The Shawsheen Tech Class of 2017 will be graduating Thursday, June 8.

**Half School Day**  
All Tewksbury schools including Dewing Elementary will have an early dismissal on Friday, June 9.

**Friends of Tewksbury Tennis 7th Annual Tewksbury Open**  
Thursday, June 22 through Saturday, June 25  
Tewksbury Memorial High School  
The Friends of Tewksbury Tennis will be holding the 7th Annual Tewksbury Open at the Tewksbury Memorial High School courts on June 22-25. Register to play singles (youth, men's, women's) or doubles (mixed, men's, women's) for \$25 per player per event. Register by June 10 for a discounted fee of \$20 per player per event. Look for registration forms available at Tewksbury Sports Club, Tewksbury Public Library and at many local courts. The Friends of Tewksbury Tennis is also seeking sponsors for the event. More information about the tournament, sponsor details, and player registration is available on the Friends of Tewksbury Tennis Facebook page or by contacting [friendsoftewksburytennis@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftewksburytennis@gmail.com)

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## Wolfe graduates from Champlain College

BURLINGTON — Melissa Wolfe of Wilmington graduated from Champlain College with a BS degree in Business Management on May 13, 2017.  
Champlain College's 139th commencement was held at Edmunds Field in Burlington, Vt. A total of 516 undergraduates received their associate and bachelor's degrees during the ceremony.  
Champlain College President Donald J. Laackman lauded the students with a long list of achievements the Class of 2017 has accomplished during their years at Champlain.  
"Your success in the face of change, combined with your radically pragmatic Champlain College education, positions you to successfully enter a changing world," he said.  
In addition, an honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees was presented to Today Show weatherman and founder of Roker Media Labs Al Roker. Samantha Brehm '14 offered the alumni welcomed the graduates and their families. Julian Lopez '17, an international business and finance major in the Stillier School of Business, delivered the Senior address.  
For more information, visit [www.champlain.edu](http://www.champlain.edu).

## Get hooked on fishing at annual Fishing Derby

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Recreation Department is sponsoring the 35th Annual Fishing Derby at Silver Lake on Saturday, June 3. This multigenerational event for youth and non-professional adults began in 1983. The Derby allows the town to showcase its finest natural resource while participants have a chance to learn or improve their fishing skills.  
The Derby will run from 9 a.m. to noon at Town Beach. Participants must register in the Bath House. Prizes will be awarded for the Heaviest Bass and Heaviest Non-Bass in both age groups.  
The cost to participate in the Derby is \$5 for those ages 18 and over, and \$2 for anyone age 17 and under. Bait will be available for purchase. There will be shore fishing only — no boats. No fishing license is required for this event only. Rain date is Sunday, June 4.  
The Recreation Department would like to thank Jim Buckley and the volunteers who make this event possible. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Recreation Department at (978) 658-4270.



# OBITUARIES

## Ronald D. Croatti

*UniFirst President and CEO*

Ronald D. Croatti, 74, of Londonderry, NH, died Tuesday May 23, 2017, at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA.

He was born in Boston, MA, on April 20, 1943, a son of the late Aldo Croatti and Alba (Bolognesi) Olney. He loved cars, trains and his beloved dog Bella. Above all else, family was the most important part of his life.

Croatti was the current CEO of UniFirst Corporation in Wilmington, MA, home to his second "family," where he loved and cared deeply for everyone who worked there, knowing the names and faces of countless employee Team Partners at every one of UniFirst's 240 locations throughout North America and abroad.

Croatti was a visionary and business leader who

helped mold the uniform service and supply industry into what it is today, taking UniFirst from \$100 million in annual revenues when he took over leadership of the company, to \$1.5 billion at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Croatti, of Londonderry; three sons, Aldo of Coral Springs, FL, Michael of Pelham, NH, and Matthew of Winchester, MA; one daughter, Melissa (Croatti) O'Rourke of Hudson, NH; nine grandchildren; two sisters, Cynthia Croatti of Boston, MA, and Mona Levenstein of Ontario, Canada; one brother, Fred Croatti of Port Orange, FL; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Calling hours were held on Saturday, May 27, 2017, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Peabody



Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH. Private graveside services will be held by the family at Pillsbury Cemetery in Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association of NH at the following web address: <http://bit.ly/2qhoeYs>, or by mail to 460 Totten Pond Road, Suite 400, Waltham, MA, 02451. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

## Judith H. (Burr) Marsolini

*Made baby quilts for Julie's Mission*

Judith H. (Burr) Marsolini, age 77, of Bluffton, SC, formerly long-time resident of Wilmington, died peacefully on May 16, 2017 at Hilton Head Hospital in South Carolina.

Judy was born in Medford on April 15, 1940 to Marion F. Davis and Frederick N. Burr.

Judy enjoyed sewing, knitting and quilting. She also enjoyed playing poker, mah jong and canasta, as well. Judy loved to travel and especially going to Aruba over the last 24 years with great friends.

She was very involved with making baby quilts and blankets for Julie's Mission, who gives comfort to families of critically ill newborns thru Grace Coastal Church.

Before retiring, Judy

worked at Dr. Kellerman's Office in Reading. Prior to that she was a long-time sales person for Dutchmaid and Queensway.

Judy is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Louis Marsolini, daughter and son-in-law Linda and Jack Kennedy, of Pepperell, MA, son and daughter-in-law Bob and Christine Marsolini of San Diego, CA and daughter and son-in-law Debra and Paul Burke, of Palm Coast, FL.

Grandmother to Meghan and Lauren Kennedy; Michael Christensen, Kayleigh, Evan, Trevor, Nicole and Chloe Marsolini. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Judy's name



to Julie's Mission, at Grace Coastal Church, 15 Williams Dr., Okatie, SC 29909.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Saturday, June 3 for Visitation from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. immediately followed by a Funeral Service at 1 p.m. Interment will take place in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

[www.nicholsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicholsfuneralhome.com)

## Anne Ring

*Enjoyed traveling, gardening and cooking*

Anne Ring, 88, of Wilmington formerly of Florida and Wakefield, died on Friday, May 26 at the Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington.

Born in Wilmington on Feb. 11, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Percy and Isabelle (Babine) Doucette.

Ring was a graduate of Wilmington High School. She enjoyed spending her summers on Prince Edward Island in Canada. Ring also enjoyed traveling, gardening, taking photos, cooking

and spending time with family.

Ring was the wife of the late Andrew P. Ring. She is survived by her two daughters: Carol A. Philbrick of Wilmington and Margaux Thurber of Chapel Hill, NC, and her two sons: Andrew P. Ring, Jr., of Hollis, ME and Daniel Ring of Surry, ME. She is also survived by her seven grandchildren, her eight great grandchildren and close family friends: Melbourne Campbell of P.E.I., Canada and Mildred Lafferty of Methuen.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Thomas-Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington on Wednesday at 10am. Interment to follow at Wildwood Cemetery in Wilmington. Visitation for relatives and friends will be held at the McDonald Funeral Home, 19 Yale Ave., Wakefield on Tuesday from 4 - 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wilmington High School Ring Family Scholarship, 159 Church St, Wilmington, MA 01887.

# Giroux and Hakala graduate from Assumption College

WORCESTER — Joseph Giroux, of Wilmington, and Morgan Hakala, of Tewksbury, were two of 653 graduates to receive a degree during Assumption College's 100th Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 14, held at the DCU Center in downtown Worcester, in which speaker John L. Allen, Jr., editor of *Crux*, a publication that focuses on news of the Vatican and Catholic Church, delivered the Commencement address. Giroux received a Bachelor of Arts degree and Hakala received a Bachelor of Arts degree.

"What is perhaps most appealing about Allen [...] is his accessibility in presenting a refreshing take on Catholicism today," said Sonia Nunes '17, this year's salutatorian, in her introduction if the speaker. "His innovative style of religious reporting is one that we can all appreciate, as it strives to 'Light the way' for both Catholics and non-Catholics to understand and appreciate the role of the Church in the modern world."

Allen — who is a senior Vatican analyst for CNN and served as correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter for 16 years — has written nine books on the Holy See and Catholic affairs, and is a popular speaker on Catholicism both in the United States and internationally. According to the late Fr. Richard John Neuhaus, his reporting is "possibly the best source of information on the Vatican published in the United States." The *London Tablet* has called Allen "the most authoritative writer on Vatican affairs in the English language," and renowned papal biographer George Weigel has called him "the best Anglophone Vatican reporter ever."

"Not all of us have great life wisdom to impart," began Allen in his Commencement Address. "But here is the good news: I have been privileged to know some people you could do well to emulate. People who are in fact living role models of what the good life looks like. And those are the three popes that I have been privileged to cover: John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis."

Allen went on to share stories of each of the three

Popes, and one core life lesson to infer from each example. From John Paul II, the importance of courage, which was firmly rooted in his faith; from Pope Benedict XVI, that faith and reason belong together and that only truth can save the world; and from Pope Francis, choosing to live life through the eyes of mercy, and to make the Catholic Church a genuine community of mercy.

"The three papal life lessons I wanted to bring for you today: the courage of John Paul II, the passion for the truth of Benedict XVI, and the profound mercy of Pope Francis," he said. "Graduates of the Class of 2017, if you can be people of courage, if you can be people of truth and if you can be people of mercy, I promise you, that is a prescription of a life well-lived every day of the week and twice on Sunday."

In addition to delivering the Commencement address, Allen received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. An honorary Doctor of Humane Letters was also conferred upon Mary Lou Jennings, executive director of the Sister Thea Bowman Black Catholic Educational Foundation, a nonprofit organization that empowers African-Americans to pursue their dream of a college degree. The mission of the foundation is to "establish the means by which to rekindle and enliven the hope and

the opportunities that Catholic schools can offer to black children." Under Jennings' stewardship, the Foundation has provided scholarship assistance to approximately 200 African-American students to attend a Catholic college or university, including some who have attended Assumption College. The Foundation also supports single mothers who are managing the demands of motherhood and college classes.

Also during the ceremony, Roberta Schaefer, Ph.D., founder and former president of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, received an honorary Doctor of Law. Under her direction, The Research Bureau grew from one-person who studied city and town matters to a five-person operation that examined pressing public policy issues throughout Central Massachusetts.

During her three decades at The Research Bureau, the organization dedicated itself to keeping the community informed, writing hundreds of reports, hosting programs and forums, and ultimately, in 2000 under Schaefer's leadership, creating a "citizen-informed government performance measurement program, which received widespread recognition for its citizen engagement and collaboration with the public sector leading to measurable improvements in government performance."

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Richard A. Post

## Memorial Day wreaths



Tewksbury Veteran's Service Agent Lisa Downey collected wreaths to decorate the memorials around town in honor of Memorial Day. The wreaths were decorated by volunteers including Arlene Wright.

(Photo by Maureen Brady)

## Final Tewksbury Community Vision Open House, June 1

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Vision Committee welcomes the public to the Final Community Vision Open House on Thursday, June 1 at 7 p.m. at the Tewksbury Memorial High School cafeteria.

The committee along with their consultants will present draft vision statements

that are the culmination of hundreds of comments that have been received over the last few months through various outreach methods.

The committee continues to look for input from the community and this event will be another opportunity for the public to weigh in on the future of Tewksbury.

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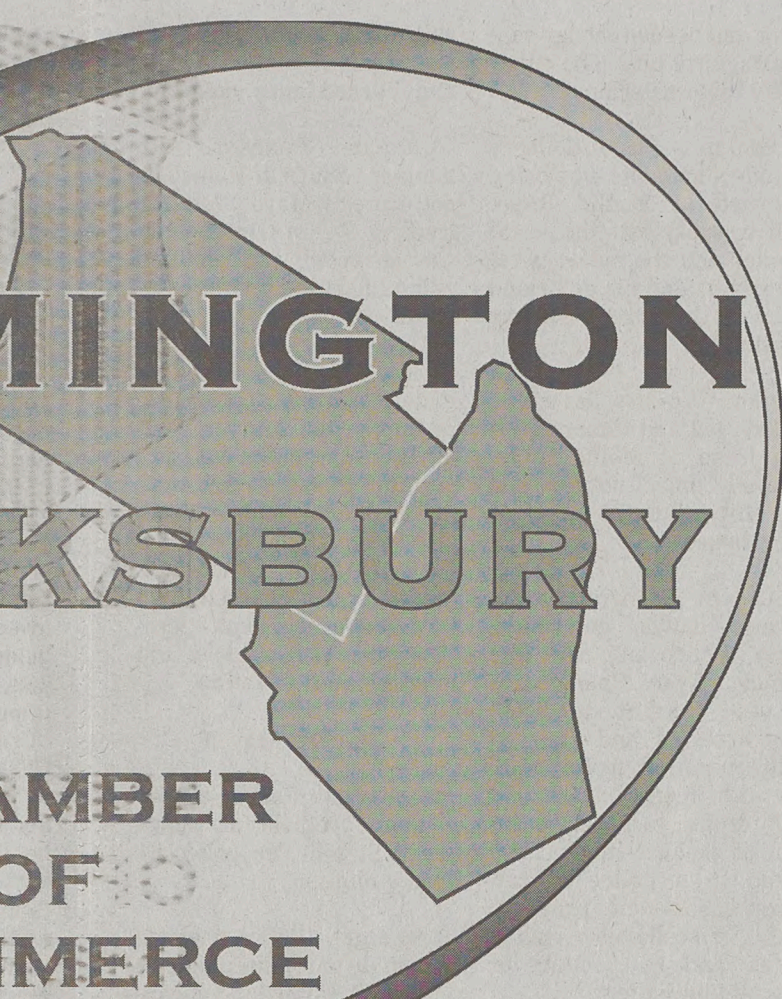
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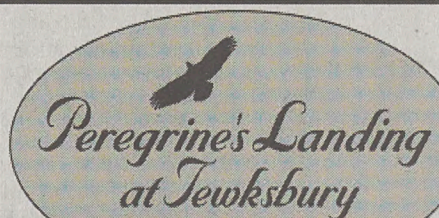
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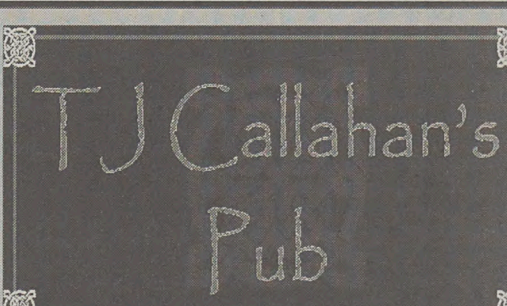
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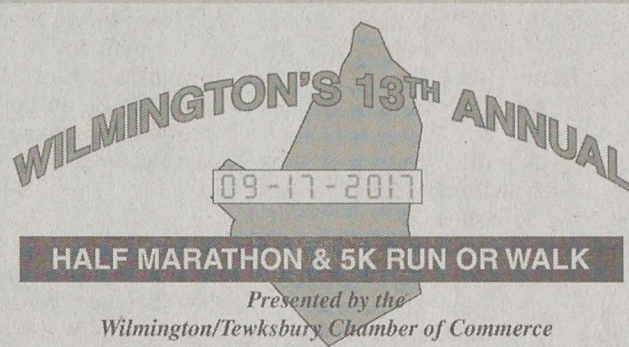
Date: Thursday, June 15

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## Tewksbury Police Log

### Male at Gold's Gym arrested, charged with OUI drugs

Monday, May 22

1:02 a.m. - Two deer were hit by a black pickup truck at Tewksbury Transit Inc. The pickup slowed down, but continued on. The caller was standing by for officers. Police sent and requested to put one deer down. Police filed a report.

6:39 a.m. - Caller from Tewksbury Credit Union reported a suspicious party waiting at the front door. Police sent and the party checks out and was on their way.

10:29 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Giovannis. Dale Perron, 45 of 239 Salem Road in Billerica, was arrested and charged with operating motor vehicle with license suspended, motor vehicle not meeting RMV safety standards, uninsured motor vehicle, operating motor vehicle with registration revoked.

10:39 p.m. - Police out with a trailer erratically driven at Mexica Burrito Grill. Police assist and reported everything checked out; the operator was

unfamiliar with the area.

Tuesday, May 23

4:20 a.m. - A 911 caller at Halstead Tower Apartments reported her neighbor below was making loud noises. Police reported no one was answering the door at the apartment at this time and all was quiet.

2:09 p.m. - The victim's vehicle was broken into overnight at Archstone Avenue. Police sent to assist and filed a report.

5 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic driver in a white BMW at Main Street. The driver pulled into the Home Depot area. The driver was gone on arrival.

5:28 p.m. - The victim has been scammed out of money at Shoreline Drive. Police spoke with the party at the station and filed a report.

Wednesday, May 24

2:27 a.m. - Anonymous caller reported large yelling coming from Charme Road.

Police sent and no one answered the door; they appeared to be sleeping. The police tried to contact the caller again for more information, but there was no answer. They checked the area and everything seemed quiet.

2:47 a.m. - Police out with a motor vehicle at Main Street and Shawsheen Street. Joshua Hogan, 34, of 31 Randolph Dr. in North Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with attaching plates and operating motor vehicle with license suspended.

10:50 a.m. - Police at Petrol Gas Station searched for an incident for a follow up. Joshua Donahue, 34, of 1229 Lawrence St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for license suspended.

7:15 p.m. - A female parked in the handicapped spot that was yelling at the caller at Wal-Mart. He claimed that she appeared to be passed out in the vehicle. The police stopped the vehicle in the parking spot.

The party was spoken to and she was fine.

Thursday, May 25

2:10 a.m. - Police checked on a male party sitting in the motor vehicle at East Street. Arthur Kirk, 22, of 839 East St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for shoplifting.

10:49 a.m. - Police attempted to stop a motor vehicle at Motel 6, but the vehicle continued onto 495 south. Vehicle stopped on 495 south by exit 37. Michael Dexter, 55, of 10 Dunfey St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with courtesy booking.

Friday, May 26

10:22 a.m. - Caller reported a male walking towards the cemetery at Lee Street and East Street with all his items. The ambulance and police were sent, but the man was gone on arrival.

12:55 p.m. - Male caller at Lowe Street received a call from a male party who stated a relative was in New

York and needed money sent overnight to him. The caller knew this was scam.

1:26 p.m. - Postal delivery female stated she was being followed at Euclid Road. Officer spoke with the postal worker and the male operator who stated his girlfriend lives on that street; he was visiting her.

3 p.m. - A yellow lab with a broken leg and tumors on it ran loose at Mollie Drive. Animal Control notified and the officer has the owner at their house.

3:12 p.m. - There was an erratic driver at Gold's Gym. Police off with the vehicle. Ryan Haakenstad, 33, of 26 Third St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with operating motor vehicle with license suspended, OUI drugs, reckless operation of motor vehicle, false name to a police officer, receiving stolen property +\$250, miscellaneous munc order, and two counts of assault and battery.

Saturday, May 27

1:39 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a motor vehicle accident at Whipple Road, possibly car versus pole. Eric Farnkoff, 29, of 51 Babicz Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged

with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle and marked lanes violation.

3:25 a.m. - Police out with a motor vehicle at Home Depot. Beverly Mayo, 37, of 570 Dudley St. in Dorchester, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

6:40 p.m. - Caller reported male party that appeared to be intoxicated stumbling out of Aubut's Liquors and left on Main Street. Police stopped the motor vehicle. Fred-eric Deignan, 46, of 81 Lancaster Dr in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle and marked lanes violation.

Sunday, May 28

12:49 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Shawsheen Street. The police issued a citation.

1:36 a.m. - Police checked on a male party sleeping in a vehicle at Happyland Cleaners. Police assisted and the party was spoken to; he was just tired and was sleeping.

3:30 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a tree fell down between two houses on Kendall Road, partially in the roadway. Police sent and the tree was removed by caller.



## Wilmington Police Log

### Two arrested for charges related to heroin

Monday, May 22:

9:56 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Lowell Street and Woburn Street involving a Ford Explorer and a Mitsubishi Outlander. The accident only resulted in a paperwork exchange.

12:11 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Honda CR-V and a Chevrolet Malibu occurred at the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and High Street. No one was injured in the collision.

2:48 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Nissan Altima and a Ford Escape occurred at the intersection of Woburn Street and Salem Street. There were no injuries.

3 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Lowell Street and Parker Street involving a Honda Accord and a Toyota Corolla. No one was injured. The Accord was towed, and its driver was taken to the 99 Restaurant by police to be picked up.

Tuesday, May 23:

10:31 a.m.: In an accident involving a Chrysler 200 and a Jeep Grand Cherokee, one of the vehicles hit the rock wall at Webber Terrace on Main Street. The lawn was damaged and the vehicle moved a rock from the wall. The Chrysler's driver was driven to his home by police.

12:40 p.m.: A 21-year-old Tewksbury resident was summonsed for larceny over \$250 by a single scheme at Heavenly Donuts on Main Street.

1:33 p.m.: A large amount of fluid leaked from a vehicle after a collision between a white Isuzu and a Toyota Camry. The Fire Department responded and the Camry was towed by Forrest Towing. A large amount of Speedy Dry was used to help clear the fluids from the road.

2:13 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on School Street involving a Cadillac SRX and a Jeep Grand Cherokee. Police found no injuries from the incident.

2:30 p.m.: One to two ducklings were seen falling down a catch basin on Lowell Street. Animal Control was called in and found six ducklings in the basin, five of which were retrieved and returned to their mother.

3:44 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred on Williams Avenue involving a Toyota Tacoma and a Hyundai Santa Fe. The Santa Fe was towed.

5:58 p.m.: A Honda Civic and a Ford Escape were involved in a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Eames Street and Woburn Street. Both vehicles remained drivable, but the driver of the Civic decided to have AAA tow the car.

7:01 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision involving a Nissan Pathfinder and a Nissan NV occurred on Main Street. Police assisted the drivers with the paperwork exchange and the drivers went on their way.

Wednesday, May 24:

6:02 a.m.: 21 vehicles at 14 addresses on Ashwood Avenue and Blueberry Lane were entered. Small items such as change and the contents of a glove box were taken from the unlocked vehicles during the night. Nothing in the neighborhood seemed out of the ordinary, although a blue and white pedal bike was found on Ashwood where neighbors said there had not been one the day before.

6:06 a.m.: The Fire Department responded to a downed wire by the corner of Fairmeadow Road and Nichols Street.

9:23 a.m.: A Ford F-350 parked overnight at Office Paper Recovery Systems on Andover Street was broken into. A GPS was stolen. The theft was caught in camera.

2:01 p.m.: The Fire Department was called in to evaluate a previous injury after a collision on Shawsheen Avenue involving a GMC Acadia and a Mercedes-Benz GLK350. The patient refused medical attention.

3:35 p.m.: A Hyundai Sonata struck a pole at the intersection of Main Street and Butters Row, bringing down power lines that blocked the road. The vehicle was towed and the road had to be shut down due to the power lines. Before Reading Light and Verizon could arrive on scene, the pole fell onto a Toyota Camry in a driveway on Main Street, heavily damaging its A-frame, windshield, and hood as well as the mailbox at the house and the house's siding. In addition, the house's service wires were taken out. The Fire Department transported the two occupants of the vehicle.

5:16 p.m.: One female complained of an injury related to a seat belt after a three car collision on Woburn Street involving a Toyota Camry, a Saturn Aura, and a Volkswagen XC60.

6:51 p.m.: Reading Police called Wilmington Police to report an accident on West Street involving a Nissan Altima and a Nissan Rogue.

Thursday, May 25:

10:29 a.m.: A Honda CR-V struck a pole on Faulkner Avenue. No one was injured.

3:55 p.m.: A Mazda MX-5 Miata and a Saturn Vue were in a minor motor vehicle collision by the Z&S Gas Station on Main Street.

6:01 p.m.: Police received a call from the owner of Michael's Place on Lowell Street to report that the building had been vandalized with black spray paint.

Friday, May 26:

8:14 a.m.: Three unlocked vehicles, a Ford Super Duty, a Toyota Highlander, and a Lexus LS, were entered at some point since 1 a.m. that day. \$60 and some loose change was taken.

8:21 a.m.: A Honda Odyssey hit a post at the Corner

Store on Main Street. No one was injured.

10:06 p.m.: A Salem Street house was shot twice by paintball gun rounds.

Saturday, May 27:

10:08 a.m.: A Boutwell Street resident reported that the previous night a vehicle had struck a mailbox and left the scene. The collision was heard around 12:30 a.m. It also destroyed a pole and damaged the residence's lawn.

11:36 a.m.: A passerby called in a minor motor vehicle collision on Main Street involving a Mazda 3 and a Subaru Impreza.

4 p.m.: Two were arrested for charges related to heroin after an employee of a local business reported possible drug activity in a bathroom. Kristina Rose Farrell, 27, of 2224 Horseshoe Lane was arrested for being present where heroin was kept. Joseph Flynn, 32, of 272 Cambridge Road in Woburn was arrested for possession of a class A substance. The two were both nailed later that day.

Sunday, May 28:

9:19 a.m.: Police received reports of a Toyota Runner and a Toyota Scion having been entered and gone through without anything being taken. In the first report, the vehicle's door was left open when its owner found it. Police checked the surrounding areas and found nothing suspicious.

5:58 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Route 62 and 193 northbound Ramp 40 involving a Toyota Venza and a Honda Pilot. The Venza was towed.

9:44 p.m.: A Ford Focus hit a deer at the corner of Roosevelt Road and Boutwell Street. The deer got up and walked into the forest after being hit.

### Morlani graduates from Hamilton College

Clinton, N.Y. — Angelo J. Morlani, son of Carla and Anthony Morlani of Wilmington, received a bachelor of arts degree from Hamilton College on Sunday, May 21, at the Commencement ceremony concluding the college's 205th year. Hamilton awarded 508 diplomas in the ceremony. Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker delivered the Commencement address. An economics major at Hamilton, Morlani now joins an alumni body of more

than 22,000, many of whom have made important contributions to business, the professions, government and the arts.

Originally founded in 1793 as the Hamilton-Oneida Academy, Hamilton College occupies a 1,350-acre hilltop campus overlooking the New England-style Village of Clinton, New York, and in close proximity to the Adirondack Park.

Additional information about the college can be found at [www.hamilton.edu](http://www.hamilton.edu).

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# Lifestyle

After almost a year of being open...

## Wilmington's dog park all bark (and no bite)

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

After almost a year of being open, Wilmington's dog park continues to be a great addition to the town. Located at 823 Main St. by the Town Park field, the half-acre park is open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day for dogs of all kinds.

The park is separated into two sections, one for large dogs and another for smaller dogs, with posted pictures at each entrance to use as an example. Smaller dogs can go into the larger dog section, but the larger dogs are restricted to their area. Inside the pen, the dogs are unleashed and able to run around as they please.

Animal Control Officer Chris Sullivan commends the town for listening to the voices of the residents in building the park.

"I would say that the town hit a homerun on this," he said. "There are people there every single day of the week."

Even with the intense weather

of this past winter, he insists that the park was used — because the dog owners went out and shoveled to get their dogs in through the gates.

"It doesn't matter what type of weather — in rain it gets used; in snow it gets used; warm temperatures, cold temperatures it gets used."

If the cold weather has been a slight deterrent of visiting, the warm weather has been the opposite.

"On the weekends and in warm weather, it's like standing room only in there," he continued.

He attributes the park's popularity to the fact that it's the only one close to towns like Woburn, Reading, and North Reading, all of which don't have dog parks.

"Andover has one, Billerica is working on getting one, and Burlington's park is due to open soon," he said. "Every dog has to be registered with the town that they reside in."

It's not just for Wilmington dogs or residents, but there are rules that each park goer has to follow in going in.

"Dogs have to be leashed com-

ing into and out of the park... no dogs younger than six months... no children younger than 13 are allowed in... no dogs in heat... and with any sign of aggression, the dog needs to be removed from the park," Sullivan included.

Most importantly, the park has a strict carry-in, carry-out rule, where the dog owners have to clean up after their dog and bring their waste bags home to throw them out. The park does not have any trash barrels.

He says that this has been a point of contention among the park's visitors.

"It's been a work in progress, but there are regulars who have really stepped up — a lot of people are contributing to make sure all the trash and waste are removed," he shared.

These dog owners are the ones using the park, so they should be receiving the benefits.

"It's a good area for people to meet and to meet new friends that have something in common, which is dogs."

Mostly, though, the benefits are for the dogs themselves.

"Everybody wants a happy

dog," he says. "If you want your dog to get out and socialize with other dogs, and get some exercise, then the dog park is a great place to be because they can be unleashed."

Sullivan sees firsthand that the dogs who go to the park everyday are sad when their owners skip.

"You see them pull into the parking lot and they get excited and start barking," he said.

The park marks one year of being open on June 15.



▲ Lucky and Charlie played together on Friday at the dog park in Wilmington. Lucky is owned by Linda Girolamo and Charlie is John Tully's dog.



◀ Charlie found a nice puddle to roll around in at the dog park on Friday. Lucky and Bean weren't so sure about getting that muddy. The dog's owners are Linda Girolamo, John Tully and Jan MacLeod.

◀ Chris DiCecca and his dog Koby enjoyed time at the dog park in Wilmington on Friday.

(Photos by Maureen Brady)



## Nine make Dean's List at Curry College

MILTON — Curry College is proud to announce that the following area students were named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2017 semester:

- Molly Fanikos of Wilmington
- Rachel Johansson of Wilmington
- Chiara Marcoccio of Wilmington
- Shannon McHugh of Wilmington
- Ryan Anderson of Tewksbury
- Alexandra Callanan of Tewksbury
- Grant Callanan of Tewksbury
- John Cave of Tewksbury
- Thomas Contalonis of Tewksbury

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.30 GPA, have no incompletes, and have no grade lower than a "C" for the semester. Full-time students must carry 12 or more graded credits for the semester.

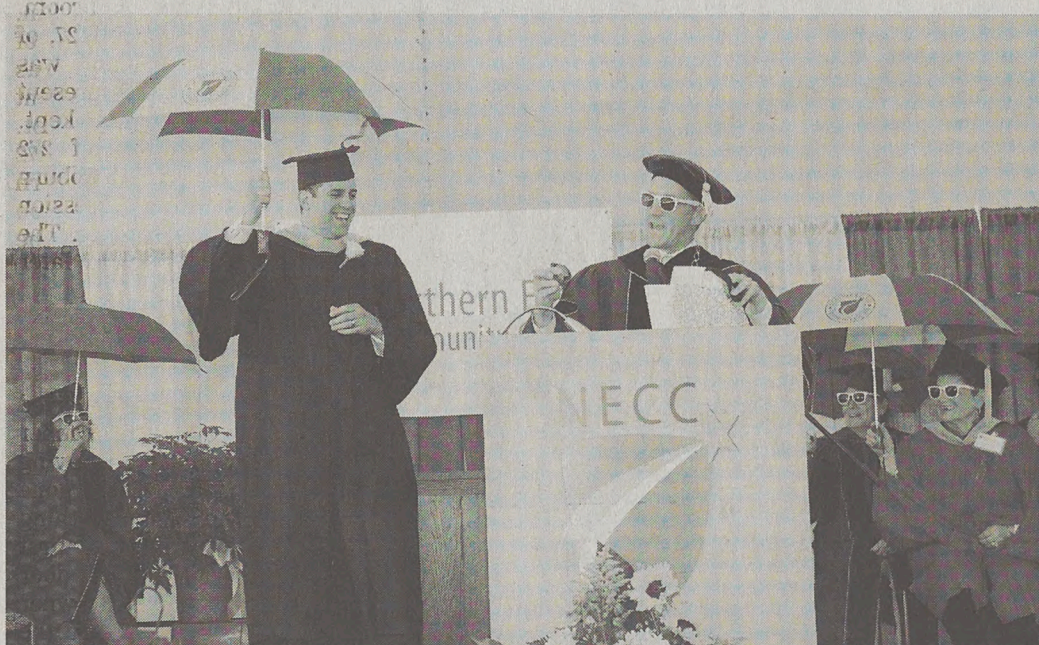
### About Curry College

Founded in 1879, Curry College is a private, four-year, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Mass. Curry extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth, Mass. Curry offers 26 undergraduate majors, as well as graduate degrees in business, education, crimi-

nal justice, and nursing, with a combined enrollment of over 3,700 students.

The student body consists of approximately 2,000 traditional undergraduate students, 1,400 continuing education students, and 300 graduate students. Approximately 1,575 of its students reside on the Curry campus. The largest majors are business management, communication, nursing, criminal justice, and education.

The college offers a wide array of extra-curricular activities ranging from 14 NCAA Division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre program. Visit us on the web at [www.curry.edu](http://www.curry.edu).



▲ After Matt Noyes, left, delivered his commencement speech, NECC President Lane Glenn, right, said "meteorologists and community college students need to be prepared for everything" which was the cue for those sitting on the platform stage to raise umbrellas and don sunglasses.

(Courtesy photo)

## 10 graduate Northern Essex Community College

HÄVERHILL — NBC Boston Chief Meteorologist Matt Noyes was the Northern Essex Community College Commencement Speaker on May 20, and many of the close to 1,000 graduates and their guests gave him credit for the perfect weather.

It was in the 60's, sunny, and breezy all day Saturday, ideal for the commencement, which was held under a massive 3,000 person tent set up in the quadrangle on the college's Haverhill Campus.

Noyes, a lifelong resident of Haverhill, spoke about authenticity and shared some of the challenges he's faced in his life.

"My post-college story included gaining 60 pounds, a failed marriage by 32, moving back in with my mom, getting three hours of sleep a night to be the parent I needed to be, and falling tens of thousands of dollars in to debt."

"Now what if I told you

about the other side of that? Hey folks, I lost 60 pounds then ran the Boston Marathon and raised \$14,000 for kids with liver disease, I had an amazing son, met the woman of my dreams, I own a house in my lifelong hometown of Haverhill and I cherish every day?"

Noyes advised the graduates not to "bury the junk — and pretend it never happened." "Your baggage, my baggage, all of our baggage — it's an unavoidable tell-tale sign of a well-traveled life."

Here is the list of graduates:

Northern Essex Community College Commencement Candidates, Class of 2017

- Jo-Ann Harris Certificate in Medical Billing with High Honors
- Caitlin E. Kennedy Associate in Arts Liberal Arts: Theater
- Louis M. Lopes Associate in Science Com-

puter Information Sciences: Information Technology with High Honors

- Mark C. Luongo Certificate in Medical Billing with High Honors
- Noelle E. Ogden Associate in Science Respiratory Care with Honors Wilmington
- Jenilee G. DeBlois Certificate in Phlebotomy Technician with High Honors
- Jennifer J. Fay Associate in Arts Liberal Arts: Psychology with Honors
- Kelly E. Gormley Certificate in Dance Education
- Constance M. Roberts Certificate in Computer Applications with High Honors
- Constance M. Roberts Associate in Science Computer Information Sciences: Information Technology with High Honors
- Jessica M. Weeden Associate in Science Radiologic Technology with High Honors

### Alexander Graham Bell

## Two inducted into the AGB Honor Society

MILTON — Curry College is proud to announce that Alexandra Callanan of Tewksbury and Molly Fanikos of Wilmington have been inducted into the Alexander Graham Bell (AGB) Honor Society. The two were two of 42 students inducted during ceremonies on the Curry College campus in April 2017.

Founded in 1971, the objective of the Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society is to promote and recognize academic excellence at Curry College.

The Society is named

after the famous inventor, Alexander Graham Bell, who was an early chancellor at Curry College. Members serve as a resource for the Academic Deans and the faculty and recommend ways the academic environment of the College can be enriched.

The Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society is one of Curry's most distinguished organizations. Membership in the Society is limited to 10 percent of the senior class and five percent of the junior class, and all members must have a min-

imum 3.5 GPA overall and the required number of graded credits.

For Continuing Education students, membership is limited to members of the graduating class who have achieved a minimum 3.5 GPA and completed a minimum of 45 classroom credits at Curry College. Students must also be active citizens either at Curry or in their local communities.

For more information on the Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society, visit their page on our website.





## Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

### Mel Simons presents One Man Show, June 5

**Upcoming Events**  
Registration begins 30 days prior to the event. Please register online using our Calendar of Events at [www.wilmlibrary.org](http://www.wilmlibrary.org) or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Children/Teen). Please note we request registration for programs that are marked \*RR. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for library program funding support!

**Mel Simons Presents One Man Show \*RR**  
Monday, June 5, 2:30 pm  
"You ain't heard nothin' yet!" This one-man show features the life and songs of Al Jolson, Jimmy Durante, Eddie Cantor, and George M. Cohan. Mel will bring back memories of these four well known showbiz legends by mixing clips, accordion tunes, and anecdotes. Mel Simons has been a regular on WBZ Radio for decades and is popular speaker and personality.

**Politics in America \*RR**  
Mondays, June 5 and 12, 7 pm  
Register at the main desk. Cost \$5 for background material.  
This two-part series on Politics in America will be led by Keith West, who has facilitated the library's Great Decisions series the past four years. The two sessions will be part lecture

and part discussion and will focus on the current political climate. Background reading material will be provided at registration.

**Cookin' the Books \*RR**  
Tuesday, June 6, 12 pm  
Featured Cookbook: My Two Souths by Asha Gomez  
If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes then this group is for you. Pick up a copy of the cookbook (or find a recipe from the book online); register and select your recipe through the events calendar at [wilmli-brary.org](http://wilmli-brary.org). Bring your dish to the meeting and enjoy sampling everyone's dishes!

**An eBook Education \*RR**  
Wednesday, June 7, 7 pm  
Join technology librarian, Brad McKenna, as he shows off the libraries three eBook collections, Overdrive, Axis360, and Hoopla. Bring your Kindle, Nook, or iPad to try it yourself.

**Social Security — What You Need to Know \*RR**

Thursday, June 8, 6:30pm  
Sheila E. Smith, CFPR, will discuss Social Security benefits: when to file, the advantages of delaying benefits, the impact when you continue to work, spousal benefits, eligibility if you are divorced or widowed and how to minimize taxation of benefits. Presented in con-

junction with the Wilmington Recreation Department.

#### Kids & Teens

**Music and More**  
Tuesday, June 6, 6:30 pm  
Bernadette Baird presents music and movement for toddlers and young children through age three. Sing, play musical instruments and dance. Ages 1-3

**Summer Reading Kickoff Program: Mike Bent's "Books Build a Magical World" Magic Show \*RR**  
Saturday, June 17, 11:00 am  
Kick off our summer reading program with a fun magic show developed especially for kids and families. Mike has garnered multiple awards over his 20-year career for his exciting blend of humor and magic. With storytelling, puppets, and mind reading ants, you will not want to miss this special show! All ages

#### Library News

**Public Relations Awards**  
The Massachusetts Library Association awarded Wilmington Memorial Library the following three public relations awards at its conference last week: First Place - Library Website, First Place - Library Ambassador T-shirt, Third Place - Teacher Email Newsletter.



### Red Cross Blood Drive

Collection Specialist Nancy Hawes was working the Red Cross Blood Drive at Masonic Hall where John Gemellaro stopped in to make a donation.

(Photo by Maureen Brady)

### Six receive graduate degrees from Merrimack

**NORTH ANDOVER** — Over 300 students received graduate degrees during Merrimack College's 67th Commencement Exercises on Friday, May 19.

- Zachary Sears of Wilmington. Sears received a Master of Science Health/Wellness Management.
- Ashley Walsh of Wilmington. Walsh received a Master of Science in Criminology/Criminal Justice.
- Katelyn Adams of Tewksbury. Adams received

- a Master of Education.
- Theresa Fitzpatrick of Tewksbury. Fitzpatrick received a Master of Education.
- Salvatore Riparo of Tewksbury. Riparo received a Master of Science in Exercise/Sport Science.

### 17 graduate from Merrimack College

**NORTH ANDOVER** — Approximately 650 undergraduate students received their respective degrees during Merrimack College's 67th Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 21.

- Michael Semonelli of Wilmington
- Michael Doucette of Wilmington
- Jamie Bornstein of Wilmington
- Brendan Doherty of Wilmington
- Allyson Lewis of Tewksbury
- Alina Porzio of Tewksbury
- Marisa Harrington of Tewksbury

- Joseph Vellozo of Tewksbury
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## Six named to Dean's List at Springfield College

SPRINGFIELD — Springfield College Recognizes Dean's List Students for the 2017 Spring Semester.

Springfield College has named Courtney Bolis, Christa Brent and Lindsay Donahue of Wilmington to the dean's list for academic excellence for the spring 2017 term. Bolis is studying Communication Sciences and Disorders, Brent is studying English and Donahue is studying Sports Biology.

Springfield College has also named Emily Hamilton, Thomas Casey and Andrew Nguyen of Tewksbury to the dean's list for academic excellence for the spring 2017 term. Hamilton is studying Criminal Justice, Casey is studying Sports Biology and Nguyen is studying Sports Biology.

Criteria for selection to the

dean's list requires that the student must have a minimum semester grade point average of 3.500 for the semester.

Founded in 1885, Springfield College is known worldwide for the guiding principles of its Humanics philosophy—educating students in spirit, mind and body for leadership in service to others.

With its foundation of academic excellence and rich athletic heritage, Springfield College prepares students with real-world leadership skills for careers that transform lives and communities.

The college offers a range of undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the fields of health sciences, human and social services, sport management and movement studies, education, business,

and the arts and sciences.

It also offers doctoral programs in physical education, physical therapy, and counseling psychology. The college is ranked in the 2017 edition of "Best Colleges" in the top tier of "Best Regional Universities — North Region" by U.S. News & World Report, and is ranked one of the top 12 in the North Region of the U.S. News Best Values report.

It is also designated as a College of Distinction and a premier Leadership Development Center by the YMCA of the USA. Nearly 5,000 traditional, nontraditional and international students study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and at its School of Professional and Continuing Studies across the country.

## Hamilton graduates from Springfield College

SPRINGFIELD. — Emily Hamilton of Tewksbury has earned a bachelor's of science degree in Criminal Justice from Springfield College for studies completed in 2017.

Springfield College recently held its commencement weekend. At the graduate commencement, 658 master's degrees, six certificates of advanced graduate study, 15 Doctor of Philosophy degrees, 34 Doctor of

Physical Therapy degrees, and five Doctor of Psychology degrees were awarded. At the undergraduate commencement, 873 bachelor's degrees were awarded for a two-day total of 1591 degrees.

## Two graduate from Saint Michael's College

COLCHESTER, VT — The following local residents graduated May 14 from Saint Michael's College.

- John Henry Keating of Wilmington with a Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, in psychology.
- Jacquelyn Marie Duffy of Wilmington with a Bachelor of Arts in sociology and anthropology and Spanish.

The Commencement speaker was General Joseph Dunford, the na-

tion's highest ranking military officer as chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Dunford — a 1977 Saint Michael's graduate and Boston-area native who previously was Commandant of the Marine Corps — told the graduates that moral courage and a commitment to serving others are essential qualities for "leaders of consequence," saying, "It's never about you."

U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-VT, a 1961 Saint Michael's graduate, also attended the ceremony.

About Saint Michael's College Saint Michael's College, founded in the great Catholic intellectual tradition, which also recognizes the principles of social justice and compassion, is a selective, fully residential Catholic college in Vermont's beautiful Green Mountains.

## Three graduate from Curry College

MILTON — Curry College is pleased to announce that the following residents received degrees on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at the Commencement ceremony in Milton, Massachusetts:

- Bret Kidik of Wilmington received a Bachelor of Arts degree
- Shannon McHugh of Wilmington received a Bachelor

of Science degree

- Taylor O'Byrne of Wilmington received a Bachelor of Arts degree

Curry College alumna Karen A. Daley '85, Hon.17, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN, served as Commencement speaker and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Visit us on the web at [www.curry.edu](http://www.curry.edu).

## Luise graduates from Marist College

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY — Daniel Luise of Wilmington received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Marist College the weekend of May 19.

Marist College is located in the historic Hudson River Valley and at its branch campus in Florence, Italy. It is a comprehensive, independent institution grounded in the liberal arts.

### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
PLANNING BOARD

#### PUBLIC HEARING

MODIFICATION OF SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT, USE SPECIAL PERMIT, MULTIPLE STRUCTURE SPECIAL PERMIT AND SIGN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on June 19, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Group 1 Realty, Inc. for a Modification of Site Plan Special Permit, Use Special Permit, Multiple Structure Special Permit and Sign Special Permit as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 464 & 468 Main Street, Assessor's Map 22, Lots 117 and 71, zoned Commercial and Heavy Industrial.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Robert Fowler, Chairman  
170646 5/31, 6/7/17

### LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT  
MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT  
208 CAMBRIDGE STREET  
EAST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No.  
MI17P1674EA

Estate of:  
Gloria R. Belanger  
Date of Death:  
January 20, 2017

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Albert L. Jean of Dracut MA. Albert L. Jean of Dracut MA has been

informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

170648 5/31/17

### LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

17 SM 002046

#### ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:  
Brian E. Stephens  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. 50 §3901 (et seq.);  
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Tewksbury, numbered 1202 Main Street, given by Brian E. Stephens to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation,

dated December 18, 2002, and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 14281, Page 195, and now held by plaintiff has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before July 3, 2017 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of this Court on May 16, 2017

Attest:  
Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
(16-012626 Orleans)  
170634 5/31/17

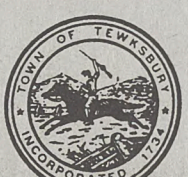
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### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
BOARD OF HEALTH

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Health will hold a public hearing on June 15, 2017 at 6:00PM at the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA requested by Keri Plaza, LLC, property owner, for Winner's Pizzeria, Inc. at 1699 Shawheen Street, Tewksbury, MA for a variance of the Tewksbury Board of Health Regulations, Chapter 9: Grease Tank and Grease Trap Requirements for Food Establishments, sections 9.5.1, 9.5.2 and 9.5.3.

At that time, all interested parties will be heard. Copies of the proposal are available at the Tewksbury Board of Health Office located at the Tewksbury Town Hall.

Raymond Barry,  
Chairman  
170647 5/31, 6/7/17

### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Request for Determination of Applicability  
Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on June 7th, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Daniel & Anna Gaudette for a Request for Determination of Applicability for the construction of an addition to a single family home within the buffer zone of a wetland resource area. Said property is located at 441 Whipple Road, Assessor's Map 20 Lot 2. Legal Notice is also available on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Stefania Gallo  
Conservation Agent/  
Town Planner  
170631 5/31/17

### LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT  
MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT  
208 Cambridge Street,  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No.  
MI17P0967EA

Estate of:  
Orrin Thomas Lawson  
Date of Death:  
12/18/2013

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Eve-

lyn Reitelch of Augusta ME requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Evelyn Reitelch of Augusta ME be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/08/2017.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objec-

tion followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 11, 2017  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
170627 5/31/17

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Margaret Mary Palazzolo to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB, dated April 28, 2008 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 22136, Page 57, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP dated September 9, 2011 and recorded with said registry on September 15, 2011 at Book 25249 Page 231 and by assignment from Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC dated October 15, 2012 and recorded with said registry on October 26, 2012 at Book 26570 Page 199 and by assignment from Nationstar Mortgage, LLC to

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust dated August 18, 2016 and recorded with said registry on September 21, 2016 at Book 30458 Page 214, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on June 16, 2017, on the mortgaged premises located at 114 BROWN STREET, TEWKSBURY, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land with the buildings thereon, in Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, situated on the Southernly side of Brown Street, being shown as Lots 963, 964, 965 and 966 on a plan of land entitled "Land in Tewksbury, October 3, 1947, Dana F. Perkins, Civil Engineer & Surveyor," which plan is recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 73, Plan 13, and bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY by said Brown Street, 100.09 feet;  
EASTERLY by Lot 962 on said plan, 80.20 feet;  
SOUTHERLY by Lots

861, 860, 859 and 858 on said plan, 100 feet; and  
WESTERLY by Greenhalge Street, as shown on said plan, 77.14 feet.

Containing 7,943.5 square feet of land according to said plan. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds herewith.

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22136, Page 55.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

### TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST

Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 201504-0176 - PRP 170581 5/17,24,31/17

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Diana A. Chidsey f/k/a Diana A. Brensilber and Merrill A. Chidsey to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, dated November 30, 2004 and recorded in Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 18185, Page 20 of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for Argent Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-W1, Asset-Backed Notes Series 2005-W1 is the present holder by assignment from Citi Residential Lending Inc., as Attorney-in-Fact for Argent Mortgage Company, LLC to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for, Argent Securities Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-W1, Sale and Servicing Agreement dated April 19, 2005 dated February 13, 2009 recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22755, Page 187 and corrective assignment from Argent Mortgage Company, L.L.C. to Deutsche Bank

National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for Argent Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-W1, Asset-Backed Notes Series 2005-W1 dated April 30, 2015 recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29146, Page 294, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 310 River Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00PM on June 14, 2017, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in said Tewksbury with the buildings thereon now supposed to be numbered 310 River Road, situated on the Northernly side of River Road, and being shown as Lot 4A on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Tewksbury, Mass., for Henry B. Trull", dated March 28, 1996, Dana F. Perkins & Sons, Inc., C. E., which plan is recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 103, Plan 124B, and thus bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY: by said River Road, 240 feet;  
WESTERLY: by Lot

3 on said plan, 110 feet; NORTHERLY: by land of Trull Brook Golf Course, Inc., 240 feet; and  
EASTERLY: by Lot 6 on said plan, 110 feet.

Containing 26,000 square feet of land, more or less. This conveyance is subject to the easement granted by the grantors to Trull Brook Golf Course, Inc., on July 29, 1983, as recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 2636, Page 617.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 11961, Page 149.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the

time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for Argent Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-W1, Asset-Backed Notes Series 2005-W1 Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Chidsey, Diana A. and Merrill A., 13-013347, May 17, 2017, May 24, 2017, May 31, 2017 170593 5/17,24,31/17



## Trinity EMS First Responder earns inaugural 'EMS Stewards of the Community' Award

QUINCY - In celebration of National Emergency Medical Service (EMS) week, Steward Health Care System hosted the inaugural "EMS Stewards of the Community" Award Ceremony on May 23 at The Tirrell Room in Quincy.

Boston-based Steward, which operates 10 hospitals across Massachusetts, including Holy Family Hospital in Methuen and Haverhill, recognized 14 EMS providers, and among them were Tewksbury resident Christopher Carey from Trinity EMS, and Brian Delahunty from Salem, NH Fire Department, for going "above and beyond" in their interactions with Holy Family Hospital patients.

"EMS providers are un-

sung heroes on the front lines in the battle against illness and injury," said Paul Smith, Vice President of Operations at Holy Family Hospital, who presented the awards to Christopher Carey from Trinity EMS. "We are immensely proud to unveil the 'EMS Stewards of the Community' to honor their hard work and commitment to quality care."

Carey has been a paramedic for over 20 years. As a full-time paramedic, field training officer, educator, and CPR instructor for Trinity EMS, he consistently blends his outstanding bedside manner with concern for patients and their families, impressive knowledge of current protocols



▲ Paramedic Christopher Carey receives the EMS Stewards of the Community Award from Holy Family Hospital Vice President of Operations Paul Smith. Pictured from left, are Holy Family Hospital EMS Manager Richard Shellene, Steward Health Care EMS Director Brenden Hayden, Award Recipient Christopher Carey, Holy Family Hospital Vice President of Operations Paul Smith, and Trinity EMS Director of Business Development and Marketing Christopher Dick. (Courtesy photo)

and treatment modalities, and emergency medicine.

The "EMS Stewards of the Community" awards show appreciation for emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians and advanced emergency medical technicians, and paramedics who not only carry out the noble work of caring for others, but do so

with a high degree of expertise, professionalism, and compassion. An internal committee of physicians and EMS Directors selected recipients from among providers in current practice in a Steward Hospital area.

Roseann Sdoia, injured during the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing, delivered the

"Stewards of the Community" keynote address, telling her story of strength and perseverance. As Sdoia waited for a friend to finish the race, the second bomb went off right next to her; she ultimately lost her right leg due to injuries sustained on that horrific day.

"If it weren't for first responders like those being

honored tonight, I might not be standing with you here today," said Boston Marathon Bombing Survivor Sdoia. "It is human instinct to flee an emergency for safety and yet these courageous men and women willingly rush into dangerous situations every day — they are and forever will be my heroes."

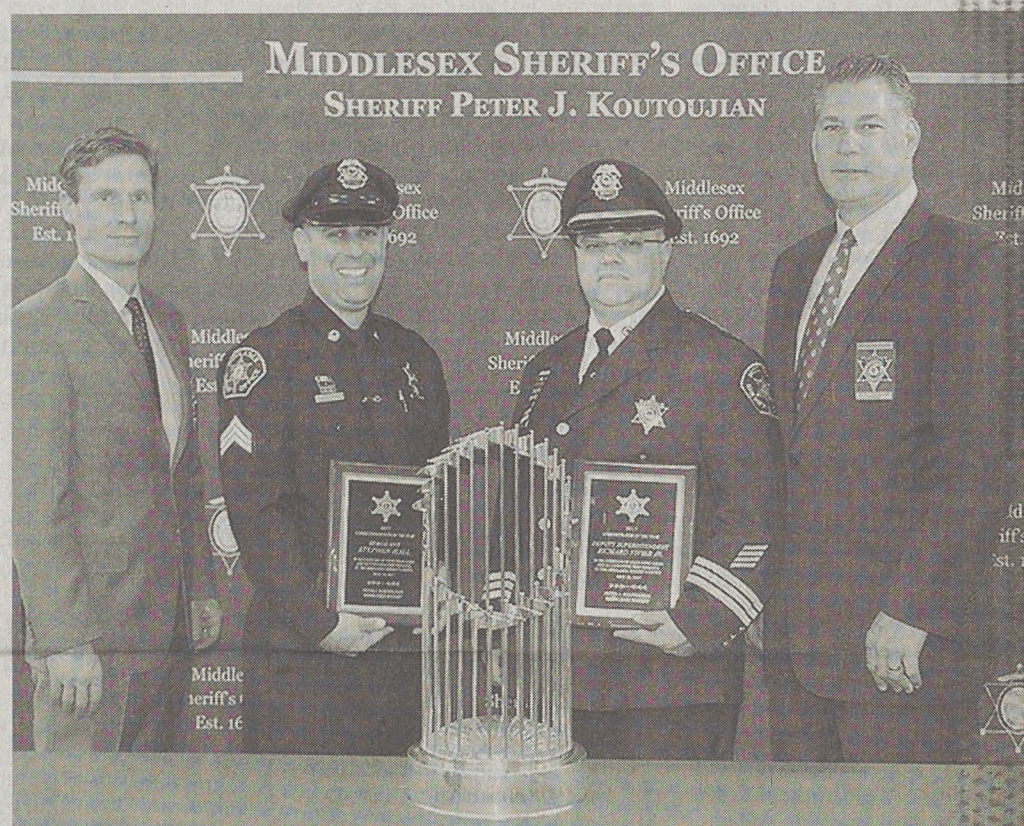
## Sheriff Koutoujian honors staff during employee recognition and award ceremony

CHELMSFORD - Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian recognized members of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office for sustained excellence and outstanding acts during the 2017 Employee Recognition & Award Ceremony.

The ceremony is held annually during National Correctional Officers and Employees Week. As he did last year, Governor Charlie Baker also proclaimed May 7-13 as Correction Officer Employee Week in the Commonwealth.

"Each and everyday, the men and women of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office work to ensure the care, custody and control of those placed with us by the courts," said Sheriff Koutoujian. "Our officers and civilian staff often work outside the public eye, but their efforts are integral to the safety and well-being of those living and working within the county and the Commonwealth."

Recognized with the Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award were members of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office Warrant Apprehension Unit (WAU), comprised of MSO deputies, as well as one member each from the Lowell and Bentley University Police Departments. In



(Courtesy photo)

2016, the unit arrested 347 individuals wanted by more than 80 different agencies, inside and outside of Massachusetts.

Among the more high-profile arrests was Tewksbury resident William Tighe, a 32-year old man wanted by police after reportedly carjacking a woman in Andover. He was arrested after a four-day manhunt.

Tighe remains held without bail.

Also among those recognized, were six officers who intervened in suicide attempts, saving the lives of three men; two transportation officers who helped safely subdue a man who confronted Billerica and MSO officers on Boston Road last June; one transportation officer who moved a woman from train tracks just as a train approached in Framingham last year; and an off-duty deputy who performed CPR on a man after the man collapsed at a bowling alley.

This year's ceremony and reception included recognition of uniform and civilian staff for longevity, as well as individual acts

of excellence over the previous 16 months.

This year's Administrator and Officer of the Year Awards were presented to Deputy Superintendent Richard Vivier, Jr. and Sergeant Stephen Hall.

Dep. Supt. Vivier is a 22-year veteran of the MSO. He was recognized as Administrator of the Year for his leadership, dedication to the mission of the MSO, and efforts to make the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction a national model for excellence in corrections.

Sgt. Hall is a 19-year veteran of the MSO, currently assigned to the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction. He was presented with the Office of the Year Award for his sustained excellence and the leadership demonstrated on daily basis.

This year's ceremony and reception also included an appearance for the fifth consecutive year by Rene Rancourt to perform the "Star-Spangled Banner." The Boston Red Sox also generously made available the 2004 World Series Trophy for employees and the families to have their photos taken with.

### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:05 p.m., in compliance with provisions of M.G.L. Chap. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Request for a Determination of Applicability, filed by Ann Marie Marino, 9 Ogunquit Road, Wilmington, MA, owner and applicant. This filing is for the removal of four (4) trees. This work is within the 100' Buffer Zone to Bordered Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00. This property is shown on Assessor's Map 50, Parcel 73A, 9 Ogunquit Road, Wilmington, MA, 01887. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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### PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Town Hall, Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at 7:15 p.m., in compliance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chap. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation, filed by Debra Goldberg, Asset Redevelopment Corp., 5 Essex Green Drive, Suite 34, Peabody, MA 01960, owner and applicant. This filing is to confirm the delineation of wetland resource areas as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40 and 310 C.M.R. 10.00. This property is located on Assessor's Map 18, Parcel 9, 27 Boutwell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

Shawsheen Elementary School Wheelchair Lift Replacement

The intent and purpose of this Invitation for Bids (IFB) is to establish price agreements (labor and materials inclusive) for the replacement of the existing wheelchair lift at the Shawsheen Elementary School at 298 Shawsheen Ave. for the Town of Wilmington (Town). Bids will be received in the office of the Town Manager Jeffrey M. Hull, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington MA 01887 until 10:00 a.m. June 15, 2017. A pre-bid conference will be held on June 8, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Public Buildings office 30 Church Street, Wilmington, MA.

All bids must comply in all respects with the instructions, conditions, specifications and other requirements in the IFB.

Detailed specifications may be obtained at the office of the Town Manager Jeffrey M. Hull, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning May 31, 2017 until the scheduled submission date or at the Town's website: <http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/Pages/Wilmington-MA-purchasing/index>. The Town shall not be responsible for bids arriving late due to couriers, deliveries to wrong locations, express mailing services etc. or any reason whatsoever. Postmarks will not be considered. If, at the time of the scheduled date, the Town Hall is closed due to uncontrolled events such as fire, snow, ice, wind, or building evacuation, the bids submission date will be postponed until 10:00 AM on the next normal business day. Bids will be accepted until that date and time.

The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularities in or to reject any and all Bids, and to make an award in any manner consistent with the law and deemed to be in its best interest.

Jeffrey M. Hull  
Town Manager

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### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

For Consulting Services To Design and Conduct Two Separate Assessment Centers For Selection of a Police Chief and/or Fire Chief

The Town of Wilmington, acting through its Town Manager, is requesting proposals from qualified firms to conduct two separate assessment centers; one for selection of a Police Chief and a second for the selection of a Fire Chief.

Request for Proposals are available at the Town Manager's Office, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Mon - Fri 8:30AM to 4:30PM beginning Wednesday, June 7, 2017 and until proposals are due. All proposals must comply in all respects with the instruc-

tions, conditions, specifications and other requirements in the request. Specifications may be obtained in hard copy via mail upon written request to the Town Manager's Office, Attn: Wendy Martiniello, and receipt of payment of a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 in the form of a certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check, payable to the Town of Wilmington. Specifications may be obtained electronically by visiting our website, <http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/Pages/Wilmington-MA-purchasing/index>. Electronic requests must include company name, mailing address, and phone number of recipient of the specifications. Proposals may not be submitted via email.

Proposers should be aware that the Proposal Submission Deadline is:

Wednesday, June 21, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

The Town shall not be responsible for proposals arriving late due to couriers, deliveries to wrong locations, express mailing services, delays related to processing of mail requests for specs and plans etc. or any reason whatsoever. Postmarks will not be considered.

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## Local legislators speak at town's Memorial Day celebration

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- Silver Lake at Main Street,  
John F. Landry Jr. Memorial

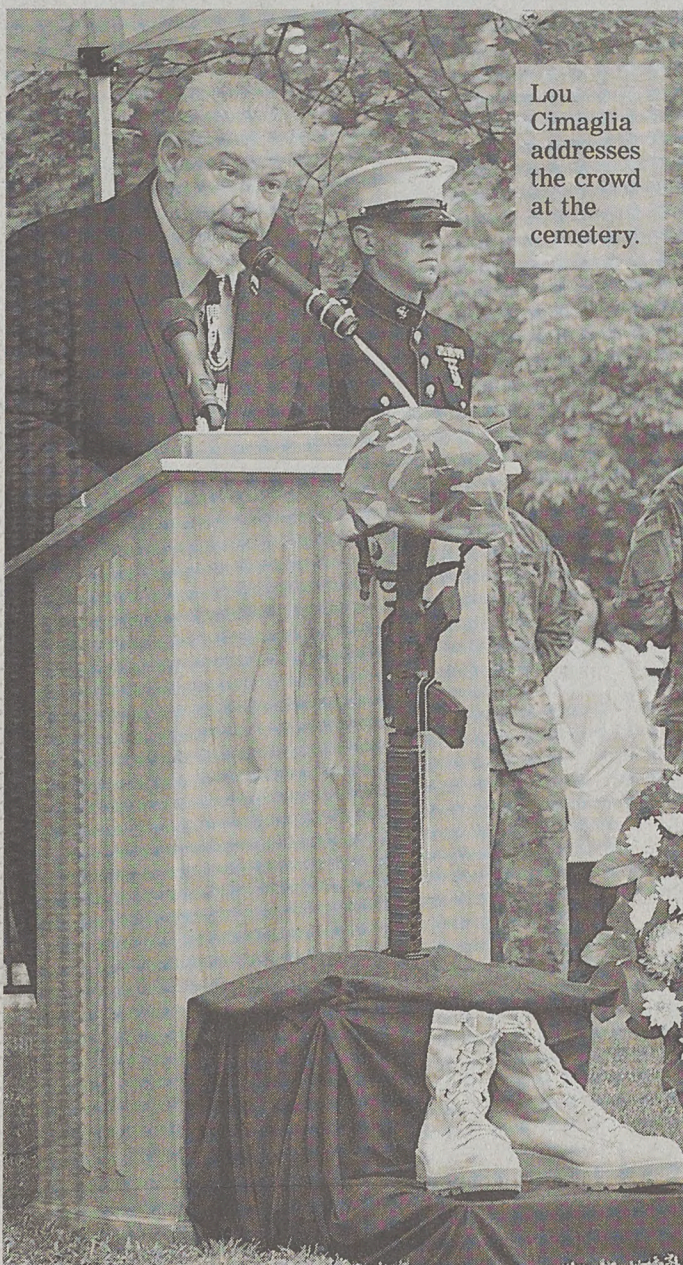
- Main Street at Silver Lake,  
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morial - Main Street and  
Bridge Lane, Nee Park -  
Burlington Avenue and  
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Park - Lower Main Street  
and Cook Avenue, John A.  
Rich Memorial - Lowell  
Street near Textron, Veter-  
ans Memorial Bridge at  
Lowell Street, Drew Square -  
Woburn Street and West  
Street, Butterworth Square -  
Federal at Concord Street,  
Regan Park - Salem Street,  
Old Soldiers Lot - Wildwood  
Cemetery, WWI Cannon -

Wildwood Cemetery.

Lastly, the parade was held  
on Monday which started on  
Main Street to Church Street  
to Middlesex Avenue to  
Wildwood Cemetery. The  
parade consisted of music,  
veterans, schools, and fun  
activities for all ages.

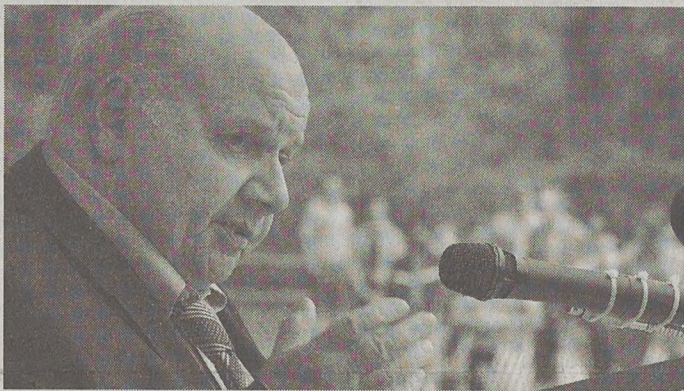
This weekend the town suc-  
cessfully paid tribute to all  
active and retired military  
members, and continued to  
remember the fallen sol-  
diers, who risked everything  
for this country's freedom.



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addresses  
the crowd  
at the  
cemetery.



▲ Massachusetts State Senator Bruce Tarr. Memorial Day  
2017. (photos by Bruce Hilliard.com)



▲ State Representative Jim Miceli speaking at the Wild-  
wood Cemetery on Memorial Day 2017.



Darian, Lennah, Colin, Cam, Erik, Erik, Ryan,  
Shae, Grace Steven, Emily Jake, Cale, Jake and  
Emma... waving their flags.

## RMLD 'Shred the Peak' educational events to be held in June

**READING** — Following a series of events held in May at area libraries, Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) is holding additional Shred the Peak educational events for RMLD customers in June at area senior centers. Light refreshments will be served, and each attendee will receive a complimentary energy saving kit. The schedule is as follows:

**Reading** - Thursday, June 8, 2017, 12:30 p.m.: Pleasant Street Center, 49 Pleasant St., Reading

**Wilmington** - Tuesday, June 27, 2017, 1 p.m.: Buzzell Senior Center, 15 School St., Wilmington

**Lynnfield** - Thursday, June 29, 2017, 10 a.m.: Lynnfield Senior Center, 525 Salem St., Lynnfield

Join and help RMLD Shred the Peak!

RMLD's Shred the Peak campaign seeks to educate

customers about the impact of peak demand on RMLD's electric rates. Peak demand is the one hour during the year where the highest level of electricity is consumed by this New England region. By reducing the level of electricity consumed during the peak demand hour, RMLD's capacity costs will be reduced, which directly benefits RMLD customers.

The success of the Shred the Peak initiative depends heavily on customer participation. RMLD customers can help Shred the Peak by taking the following steps:

GET NOTIFIED when peak demand is predicted. [www.rmld.com/residential-customers/webforms/rmld-responsive-communications-request](http://www.rmld.com/residential-customers/webforms/rmld-responsive-communications-request)

Sign up for email alerts at [RMLD.com](http://RMLD.com) follow RMLD on Twitter (@ReadingLight).

When peak demand is predicted, we'll email and tweet

to notify customers. Peak demand typically occurs on a hot weekday afternoon from June to August between the hours of 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Peak demand will be predicted multiple times during the summer to ensure the actual peak is captured.

**CONSERVE** during the predicted peak. Turn off lights and electronics when they're not needed, postpone using appliances such as washers, dryers, and dishwashers, shut off pool pumps for a few hours, raise the temperature setting on your air conditioner by a few degrees, and cook dinner on the grill.

For more energy saving tips, visit [www.rmld.com/save-energy-money/pages/energy-saving-tips-for-homes](http://www.rmld.com/save-energy-money/pages/energy-saving-tips-for-homes).

For more information on RMLD's Shred the Peak program, visit [www.rmld.com/save-energy-money/pages/shred-the-peak](http://www.rmld.com/save-energy-money/pages/shred-the-peak).

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## Faro's struggles to be chronicled on Discovery Life

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how weird or strange they may appear. They have to get past the fear of talking about themselves and being judged by their bodies by hundreds of thousands of people they don't know.

Because she already has a blog about her struggles, Faro is pretty comfortable being open, and was perfectly willing to let a TV crew into her life.

"They sort of just followed me around and asked me a bunch of interview questions," she said. "I basically just had to let them into every aspect of my life for three days."

She was mostly impressed that the crew flew from England to her small town home in Wilmington to learn about her.

"It was a really surreal experience," she continued. "They were so nice, honestly. By day three it felt like they were good friends."

The episode, which she's

told is in the editing stage, will show her current state of life. She'll talk about being a Psychology major at Merrimack College despite taking medical leave. She'll share how her disorder impacts the growth of her soft tissue and bones, which on the outside look like port wine stains or birthmarks. She'll take the audience through the story of her life and how her left leg continues to grow.

"I get sick a lot from it. I get infected a lot," said Faro, who's been through more than 60 procedures over the course of her lifetime. "I have trouble doing everyday, normal things because I'm disabled from it."

A post on her Facebook page a few days ago said that she was in the hospital for the third time this month alone.

But that's not the point of the show, or of the blog, or of Arianna's beautiful life. Instead, she's using her opportunities to spread awareness and to fight stig-

mas about people with chronic illnesses. She's making a good life for herself even though she does not always have good days.

"I think that part of what makes something beautiful is when someone has experienced struggles and they come out on the other side," she said. "I wanted to show that even though everyone has obstacles and struggles in life, that their life is still a beautiful piece of artwork."

The phrase "one limp at a time," is another way that she describes her life for her Facebook followers.

"Whenever people meet me, the first thing they usually notice is that I limp a lot," Faro explained.

It's something that she uses to personalize her situation, where she's telling the story with her own words and not someone else's.

For more information about when her episode on *Body Bizarre* airs, visit Faro's blog at [facebook.com/Ariannasbeautifulife](http://facebook.com/Ariannasbeautifulife).

## Although lacking in classroom experience, Ruggiero 'right man for the job'

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experience as a superintendent or an assistant superintendent in another district, possibly someone who is retired and looking to be an interim just for a year, as we know we're entering into the search for the superintendent next year," she said.

"I understand the stability part," she added, but noted her concern remains in removing Ruggiero from his position as financial director, where he is highly regarded.

"We're taking him out of something that we know he's very, very good at to put him into something that he doesn't necessarily have the experience — other than these last few months — and then hiring someone to fill the financial position in which he's still going to need to offer support and coaching. I just don't know how that's going to necessarily be good for our district at this time."

Byrnes responded, noting that she understands and shares concerns with Bryson.

"I think it would be less of a transition to have Paul who is known and recognized, not only within our school district but within the leadership within our community. As you know, we're a team whether it be at the Town Hall, the police, fire, we all work collaboratively, and having those relationships already established I think bodes well for that," she said.

She later added, "I'm not looking for next year to be status quo or static, because we do need to make

progress. My expectation is that we will still drive forward, so I'm not looking to and have no interest in having a layover, and I think Paul understands that."

"He's been very involved in the day to day operations, including curriculum decisions for many, many years," said School Committee Chair Steve Bjork, also noting that though Ruggiero is not the ideal candidate because of not having classroom experience, in the district's curricula he is the right man for the job.

Bjork also stated, "We're in a position where we've got someone who has shown his ability to do the job, to be a leader for this community, and from the number of school administrators that I've talked to, has the backing of everybody that I've spoken to within the district. I think that's not something you're going to find every day."

"I'm not really able to participate in this discussion," said committee member Peggy Kane who is unable to vote due to having a family member working in the district, "but, no matter which way it goes, it is not an easy decision. We have been through so much and it has been so difficult. On every turn we have really tried to do what is best for this town, and I think we have. I think we have to let the assistant superintendent do his job, because he is the curriculum person for our community, and I think he's perfectly capable of doing that. We just have to show the staff that we can keep going forward and we

will keep going forward and hopefully whichever way this goes people will support it."

The committee voted to appoint Ruggiero interim superintendent for the 17-18 school year with four in favor (Bjork, Broussard, Byrnes, and Talbot), one opposition (Bryson), and one abstention (Kane). Member Manny Mulas was absent from the meeting.

Bjork also proposed that Dr. Joseph Connolly, who was a contender in the original search for an interim superintendent after the resignation of Mary DeLai, act as a mentor/coach/consultant for Ruggiero and assistant superintendent Sean Gallagher. Connolly is a retired superintendent who previously worked in Wilmington as a principal and a business manager. He would come in once a week with further availability.

A vote was taken and passed with four votes in favor and two abstentions from Bryson and Kane.

The committee also plans to backfill Ruggiero's position of Director of Administration and Finance three days a week.

In regards to the permanent superintendent search, the School Committee intends to hold an open to the public, workshop style meeting on Wednesday, June 28 in the Wilmington High School Library. Some items to be discussed during the meeting are whether or not to use a professional search agency or to do the search on their own, and the establishment of a timeline for the process.



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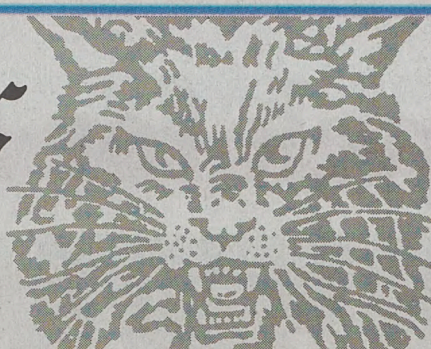
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2017



Wilmington High senior Tate Kennedy captured the Division 3 title in the javelin throwing a personal record of 147-01 during Sunday's meet held at Burlington High School. He was seeded 17th entering the meet and threw nine feet better than his previous best. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## Kennedy crowned D3 Javelin Champ

Senior ranked 17th and wins title with 147-01 toss

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

jamiepote@hotmail.com  
BURLINGTON - Heading into Sunday's Division 3 Championship Meet, the idea that Tate Kennedy would win the javelin competition seemed kind of preposterous to be honest. After all he was seeded 17th out of 27 athletes with a seeded mark of 138-02 which was 14-1 shorter than the No. 1 seed James Sferrazza of Apponequet Regional.

However, the preposterous thoughts quickly became reality.

The Wilmington High School senior uncorked his best throw of the year by nine feet, and that mark of 147-01 was tops in all of D3 Eastern Mass. He finished well ahead of second-place finisher Brett Boudreault of Danvers (145-09) as well as Sferrazza, who finished eighth at 138-04.

"Tate was a big surprise so

we are really proud of him," said head coach Mike Kinney. "He popped off a throw of 147 feet which is a personal record by nine feet. He did it on slippery conditions as the runway was all slippery."

Earlier in the year, Kennedy was part of the javelin trio which won at the Division 3 state relay meet. Two weeks ago he competed in the Middlesex League Championship Meet and only threw 135-04.

"For Tate, it's just getting away from bad habits," said Kinney. "He practiced really hard all week and he made some good corrections (to his technique) so all of his throws today were good. He's a hard working kid so we're all happy to see him succeed."

All week long Kinney stressed fundamentals and technique with Kennedy. That seemed to have worked.

"(I told him) to keep his delivery arm up and to follow through to the point," said Kinney. "A lot of times kids drop their arm (to a 45 degree angle) and they feel like they'll get a lot more throwing like but fighting against gravity. A lot of the times they don't deliver on top of their heads, so Tate did a really good job of getting his legs involved and his lower back involved. He's a shorter guy - he may be like 5-foot-7, so competing against other guys who are taller is always a challenge for him."

Kennedy said that he just did what coach told him to do.

"The competition was very strong," he said. "Going into the meet, there were guys who threw 152 feet and my previous best was 138. I thought maybe I had a chance (to place) and then I felt good during the preliminary (round). At practice all

week, Coach just told me to focus on my technique and just to carry my back arm high and to focus on where I was throwing it."

Kennedy watched it go 141 feet, 7 inches - straight ahead and eventually passing all of the other competitors.

"It came on my third throw in the first flight," he said. "It was pretty special because my family and my girlfriend were there to see it. I didn't have a clue that I won because there was another flight after mine, so I didn't know it until they announced my name."

And when they did, they announced 'Tate Kennedy, Division 3 Champion'.

"It was awesome, just really awesome," he said. "You definitely get that adrenaline going and I think that had a lot to do with it."

Rams junior nets 100th career goal

## McKenna scores a big milestone

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

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Back on May 23rd, Wilmington resident Catherine McKenna reached a very impressive milestone - scoring her 100th career goal in just her third season as a varsity player, as a junior for the Shawsheen Tech Girls' Lacrosse team. Certainly the 100 goals is an impressive feat for any high school player to accomplish, but the fact that she only scored three goals during her freshman season makes the feat all that more impressive with 97+ plus goals over the last two seasons.

"I'm so proud of Catherine and this great accomplishment she has achieved," said Shawsheen head coach Alex O'Reilly. "Lacrosse is her passion and anyone can see that when you watch her out on the field. She has scouted every opponent with me this year and goes out to the field with our goalie on a daily basis, in addition to practices, to work on her shot and sharpen up her skills."

The goal came in a 21-8 loss to Austin Prep in a non-league game. The coach on

the other side Liz Richards, is McKenna's physical education teacher at Shawsheen and also is the head coach of Home Grown Lacrosse in North Andover, the club team McKenna plays for in the off-season.

"Scoring my one-hundredth goal was very exciting especially because it happened against Austin Prep a team I am very close with," said McKenna. "Their team is coached by my gym teacher and my club coach, Coach Richards. I'm also friends with a lot of the girls on her team through Home Grown Lacrosse."

As a freshman, McKenna, a midfielder, scored three goals. Then last year as a sophomore she took off finishing with 49 goals, while helping the Rams finish with a perfect CAC record, and 14-6 overall including a loss to Marblehead in the quarterfinals of the state tournament.

"The team's style of play has changed since freshman year as has mine," she said of the difference of scoring three goals to forty-nine over the two seasons. "During my freshman year I was not

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Wilmington resident Catherine McKenna, a junior at Shawsheen Tech, scored her 100th goal recently as a member of the Rams Girls Lacrosse team. (courtesy photo).

## Wildcats win Scanlon Tournament



On Sunday, the WHS Baseball team won the 16th annual Dick Scanlon Memorial Day Weekend Tournament with a 7-0 win over Revere. Members of the Scanlon Family, Steve, Kay and Richard, presented plaques to team members including bottom row from left, Tourney MVP and team Co-Captain Danny Gracia, Co-Captain Dave Woods and then members of the All-Tournament team Jarred Aucoin, Graham Smith and Darin MacEacheron (back row). (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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Division 3 Championship Meet

# Big day on the track for Alexcia Luna

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BURLINGTON - Gearing yourself up for an intense sprint race is a pretty difficult task. Try doing it four times in a short amount of time.

On Sunday, Wilmington High School junior sprinter Alexcia Luna finished fourth in the 100-meter dash before taking third in the 200-meter dash, breaking a school record according to the coaching staff, during the Division 3 Championship Meet held at Burlington High School.

Luna had to compete in the two trial heats to qualify for the two finals. The 200-meter trials were the third event of the day with the first eight advancing to the finals. After that trial run where Luna finished fourth at 26.50, she had about an hour to rest up for the 100-meter trials. There she placed third at 12.86 putting her into the finals in that event.

Then after the 800 came the 200-meter finals where Luna was third at 26.22, which broke Jackie Mello's 2004 time of 26.23 according to the coaching staff and previous records. After a shot break, Luna was back in the finals of the 100 and this time she finished fourth at 13.09 seconds.

"Luna competed four times and that's tough," said head coach Brie Karow. "That's a hard thing to do. And the majority of her break came between the 200-meters and the 100-meter trials and then when she knew she was going to make the finals of both events, it was like 'bang-bang'. Even when I say, the majority of her break, it really wasn't much of a break. That's a tough thing to do to run that hard for four different times."

Luna was asked what she did in the short amount of time between the four races. "Mostly, I'm just stretching and lifting my legs up on any

surface," she said. "I was also trying to drain the lactic acid and that helped me a lot because in my first trail race, I felt my legs were tightening."

The 200 was certainly the toughest race of the two. That's because of the fierce competition. Tewksbury's Tatum Pecci came into the race as the two-time divisional champ and the No. 1 seed at 25.73. Luna was sixth at 26.34.

"In the (200) trial heat, I was surprised because I got out really slow but then I just kind of went for it because I saw this girl was slowing down so I was just going to go get it," she said with a laugh. Then in the finals, I was surprised because the girl from Milton (Jayda Dillon) is really fast and the girl from Wakefield (Alee Purcell) is also very fast so I was surprised that I got second in the trials and third in the finals."

Anne Leahy of Bishop Feehan actually won the event at 25.67 seconds, followed by Dillon (26.08) and then Luna. Pecci tore a hamstring halfway through the race but still hobbled to the finish line to take eighth.

"I felt really bad and I hope that she is OK," said Luna.

The two places finishes in the 100 and the 200 puts Luna into the all-state meet held this Saturday at Bridgewater State College. She will be the lone representative from the WHS Girls Track team to advance.

"Yes, I'm pumped, I can't believe it. Honestly, I'm glad that I placed and I'm glad with my overall performance and I'm surprised I did so well today. I'm just excited to be able to go to All-States in two different events. It'll be my first time going to the all-state meet in the spring season," she said, while noting she made it to the all-states during the winter season in the 300 and as



With the exception of junior Alexcia Luna, the season has come to an end for the Wilmington High School Girls Track-and-Field team. (photo by Maureen Brady)

part of the 4x200 relay team. Karow added that one reason for Luna's success is her knowledge of the sport.

"She's constantly thinking about running and what she should be doing at the moment," said Karow. "After one of the races I said 'great job' and she said 'thanks but I tried to tuck my head more and drive my knees' and that's a true athlete because she is truly focused out there."

The other representative at this meet from the girls' team was sophomore Emma Garrity, who was tremendous, finishing eight in a crowded and very competitive 800-meter field with a time of 2:22.03.

"She got here at 12:45, she warmed up really quick and then she ran competed around 1:15 or so," said Karow. "I don't even know if it was a half hour. She just busted it out. Her first 200 meters was a little bit slow, and then she picked it up in the last 200 split. She just

had a kick. She usually just turns it on in the last 200 meters but today it was the last 300 meters and she just blew away her (previous

best time) to get a 2:23.83. By far this was her best time of her season and she's just a sophomore. It was a (Fully Automatic Time)

which is even more impressive."

All in all Luna and Garrity

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Wilmington High School junior Alexcia Luna was one of two individuals on the entire Girls Track team to participate in Sunday's Division 3 State Meet held at Burlington High School. During that meet, she finished third in the 200 and fourth in the 100, advancing to the All-State Meet in both events. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

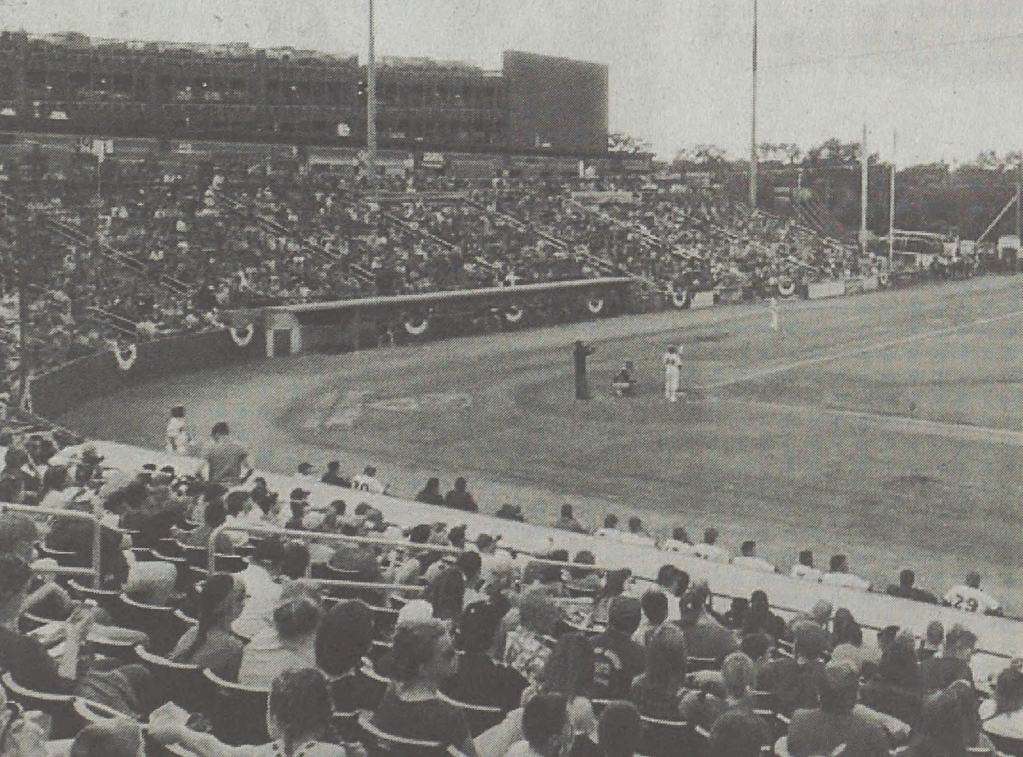


Wilmington High School senior Dan Judkins finished his season at Sunday's Division 3 Championship Meet by taking 16th in the 400-meter hurdles and 23rd in the 110-meter hurdles. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



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## WHS Girls Tennis to face North Andover Wildcats searching for program's first tournament victory

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On Thursday afternoon beginning at 3:30 pm, the Wilmington High School Girls' Tennis team, which the Town Crier has believed to have made program history with its 11 wins in a season, will be looking to do it again by winning the first state tournament match in program history.

The No. 11 seed Wildcats finished the season at 11-6 and will travel to take on the No. 6 seed North Andover Scarlet Knights in a Division 2 North sectional first-round match-up.

The Wildcats previously qualified for the state tournament in back-to-back years, 2008 and 2009, losing first to Arlington Catholic, 3-2, and then to Swampscott, 4-1, both years under the direction of former head coach Kevin Welch.

It was believed back in 2008 that the tennis team made its first state tournament appearance in program history (although in 1986 Hall of Famer Lisa Cutone-Bacon capped off a four-year career without a loss as an individual player). Pulling off victories in that 3-2 loss to the Cougars included the doubles team of Ivy Co and Stephanie Woods. Stephanie's younger sister Christina and her partner Carolyn Roney were just named Middlesex League All-Stars after finishing the season with an 8-2 league record.

Current head coach Matt Hackett is hoping that tandem, and the other five combined players (three singles and another doubles team) can each pull out vic-

tories against a tough opponent.

"Our team is very excited about competing Thursday and the opportunity we have in front of us," he said. "The girls have worked extremely hard to get this point and we look forward to the challenge Thursday."

As of presstime, Hackett was still trying to find out as much information about the Knights as he could. He said the team had one common opponent, Tewksbury. The Wildcats scrimmaged the Redmen before the regular season began, while the Knights topped Tewksbury (7-9) twice this season as part of the Merrimack Valley Division 2 Conference.

"They beat Tewksbury 3-2 twice," he said. "We beat Tewksbury 5-0 in a scrimmage earlier this season but things have changed on all

Our team since then and tennis (in general) is all about matchups. I think we need to play consistent and pay attention to detail. I've heard (that North Andover has) good consistent athletes so we need to be patient, play our game and but also be aggressive."

Should Wilmington defeat North Andover, it would then most likely face a phenomenal Wayland team in the quarterfinals. Wayland is the No. 3 seed and plays in arguably the best conference in the state and should have no problems getting past No. 14 seed Triton (9-9) in the first round.

This past Friday, it was announced that first singles' player Emily Hill (6-4 this season) as well as Woods and Roney were selected as league all-stars.



The WHS Boys Track-and-Field team senior members include: Front row from left: Joe Gaudreau, Jack Sweeney, Nick Gorham, Dave Bailey, Ryan Aldrich, Jake Luz and Dan Judkins; middle row from left: Jared Magliozzi, DJ Kenney, Colin Stanford, Justin Usuomon, Raymond Russell and Jason Dunn; back row from left: Patrick Prendeville, Liam Rooney, Justin Ekstrom, Russell Abbott and Dave Bell.  
(photo by Maureen Brady).

## Boys team finishes 18th at D3 Meet

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accounted for all of the team's 12 points which put them 17th in the standings. A total of 30 teams scored at least one point.

"We brought two girls here and they put up more points than some entire teams. Both Lexcia and Emma did awesome today," said Karow.

### BOYS TRACK

On the boys' side, Wilmington finished tied for 18th place with Falmouth, both scoring 16 points. League rivals Burlington and Wakefield finished first and second with 90 and 81

points, respectively. A total of 36 teams scored at least one point.

Besides Tate Kennedy finishing first in the javelin throwing 147-01, Wilmington also scored points as Joe Gaudreau was sixth in the 200 at 23.34 and the two relay teams, the 4x800 was seventh at 8:32.83 behind Ray Russell, DJ Kenney, Kevin Elder and Justin Ekstrom, and the 4x100 team consisted of Gaudreau, Dave Bell, Joe Dumolin and Tommy Hogan and they finished at 45.77.

"Gaudreau came in sixth and that's just a great

comeback for him, coming back from his injury (from the basketball season)," said head coach Mike Kinney. "He didn't run his best race in the final. And the 4x100 team were seeded 20th with a time of 46.04 and finished eighth at 45.77 so that was great."

Russell was also 14th in the mile (4:41.79) and Bell was 18th in the 200 (24.06). Russell Abbott competed in two events taking 13th in the triple jump (40-06.50) and 16th in the long jump (20-03.00).

"Russell Abbott had a personal record in the long

jump at 20-03 so that was great to see. For us, as long as everyone is improving their seed (time or mark) with a personal record, then we're happy," said Kinney.

Also performing included Dan Judkins, who was 16th in the 400-meter hurdles (1:01.72) and 23rd in the 110-meter hurdles (18.08). James Sheehan was 16th in the discus (102-00), Nick Gorham was 18th in the shot put (38-11.00), Jason Dunn was 26th in the two-mile at 10:53.93 and the 4x400 relay team was 19th at 3:46.10.



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## Pitching dominates weekend tournament; 'Cats to face Burlington in states

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WILMINGTON - After sweeping this past weekend's 16th annual Dick Scanlon Memorial Day Tournament with wins over Gr. Lawrence (5-0) and Revere (7-0) to capture the tournament championship for the second time in the past three years, the Wilmington High School Baseball team closed out one of its best regular seasons in the past 20 years with a 16-4 record.

The two wins this weekend, the 16 this season as well as winning a coin flip gave the 'Cats the No. 2 seed in this week's Division 2 North Sectional Tournament bracket. On Tuesday it was announced that Wilmington will host No. 15 seed Burlington (9-11), a team the 'Cats have defeated twice this season, 6-2 back on May 1st, and then a come from behind 8-5 win held on May 19th at Shawsheen tech's new gorgeous ballpark.

Wilmington has been eliminated in the first round in each of the past two seasons, losing to Reading 3-1 last year and Belmont 8-1 in 2015. The team's last tournament win came against another Middlesex League opponent

Arlington, 1-0 in 2014, before then losing to Masconomet 4-0 in the quarterfinal round. Since 2008, the 'Cats have gone 3-8 in the tournament and have scored just seven runs in their last seven games.

"We haven't (hit in the recent state tournament games)," agreed head coach Aldo Caira. "No we haven't. We hit (Saturday) and we hit (on Sunday) but we have the pitching and defense, so the kids need to be active (offensively)."

Wilmington will indeed face much better competition - and pitching - in the state tournament, than it did this past weekend against two teams that failed to make it to post-season including Revere, which won its first game of the year in the first round of this tournament over Winchester.

Should the 'Cats defeat Burlington for the third time this season, it would face the winner of No. 7 Masconomet (12-8) and No. 10 Dracut (11-9) also back at home, most likely Saturday or Sunday.

If Wilmington wants to cause some damage in a very competitive D2 North Bracket, it'll have to hit and continue to get the fantastic pitching the team has received all season. This



The WHS Baseball team celebrated after winning the Scanlon Memorial Day Weekend Tournament for the second time in the past three years with a 7-0 win over Revere. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

weekend, Darin MacEacheron tossed six shut out innings against Gr. Lawrence, with Graham Smith tossing a clean seventh, and then Tournament MVP Danny Gracia pitched a 1-hit shut out on Sunday. He had a no-hitter going until one out in the top of the seventh.

"Danny was terrific," said Caira. "He lost the no-hitter in the seventh inning and he was just overpowering, just overpowering. Then yesterday Darin MacEacheron pitched six solid innings and Graham (Smith) came in to pitch the seventh and hey did the pitchers did the job and they got it done."

Offensively, Gracia went 3-for-4 with a double, two runs scored and a RBI, while Robbie DuCharme and Matt Rideout had two hits each. Jarred Aucoin smacked a two-run double, while DuCharme and Tom Worob had single RBI.

Gracia did walk three, hit one but struck out 12 batters to pick up the win.

MacEacheron picked up his third win of the season as he struck out nine and didn't give up a walk, scattering just four hits over six innings. Smith was 3-for-3 at the plate with a double, two runs scored and one RBI. Rideout had a double and knocked in three runs,

Gracia had a RBI hit and Dave Woods, Steve Bonish and Worob all had one hit each.

After the completion of Sunday's win over Revere, Gracia was named the Tournament's MVP, while, Aucoin, MacEacheron and Smith were named to the All-Tournament team.

The following day, the Middlesex League announced its all-stars and Gracia was named the Freedom Division's MVP, while, Aucoin, Worob, Rideout, Smith and Chris Grecco were all named league all-stars.

It's been quite a week and quite a season for the

Wildcats. Just hopefully it continues.

"To finish 16-4 is incredible," said Caira. "Not only that, but Reading lost and they have five losses, North Andover lost so they have five losses and we'll be ahead of them (in the state tournament seedings). Lynn Classical is 19-1 and there was talk about them going to the Super-8."

Classical and North Andover will be the favorites and Danvers will always be there, but Wilmington could very well be right in the mix in the end - if the team hits and continues to get the pitching and defense it has all season.

## Softball team at 14-6; Now will face Bedford in tourney

# Several dramatic wins on the diamond

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It was an exciting and then disappointing week of play for the Wilmington High School Softball team. The 'Cats went 2-1, beating Cambridge on a walk-off win and then pulling out a huge dramatic walk-off win over a 17-win Woburn team, only to fall the next game against a non-qualifying tournament Everett team. That loss to Everett, as well as a few earlier season defeats, cost the 'Cats a home playoff game as Wilmington drew the No. 9 seed and will travel to face the No. 8 seed Bedford, Friday afternoon at 3:30 in the first round of the Division 2 North Sectional tournament.

Bedford ended the regular season with a 13-5 overall record and are coached by Wilmington resident Dennis Walsh. Wilmington ended the regular season at 14-6. This will be the Wildcats' third straight appearance in the state tournament, losing to Gloucester, 9-6 in the first round last year and Arlington the year before, 6-0. Wilmington didn't qualify in 2012, '13 and '14 and before that the 'Cats were defeated by Tewksbury 8-1 in the first round back in 2011

and in '10 the team surpassed Swampscott, 7-5 before losing to North Reading, 6-5.

If Wilmington defeats Bedford, it would face the winner of No. 1 seed North Reading (18-2)/No. 16 Swampscott (11-9)/No. 17 seed Pentucket (11-9).

Swampscott and Pentucket squared off in a preliminary game with the winner to face North Reading. Just two weeks ago, the No. 11 seed Tewksbury Redmen (13-7) crushed North Reading, 9-3.

In the win over Cambridge, Wilmington prevailed, 6-5, in 9 innings with a walk-off non-league victory. Trailing by a run in the bottom of the ninth, Dana Goulet started the last inning off with a bunt single. She moved to second on a walk by Shannon Horgan. Antonia Kieran put down a bunt moving both runners up a base. Goulet then tied the game up on a RBI ground-out by Adele Burton, and then Ally Moran drove in the game winning RBI scoring Horgan.

Earlier in the contest, Wilmington scored two runs in the first off inning on RBI singles by Kieran and Burton.

Cambridge scored three unearned runs in the top of the third and then added another run in the top of the seventh to go up 4-2. In the seventh inning, Wilmington tied the game up at 4-4 behind two singles by Horgan and Kieran, and then an infield error by Cambridge. Cambridge scored a run in the top of the ninth before Wilmington added the two in the home half to come away with the win.

On Saturday afternoon, Wilmington faced Woburn. The Tanners are the No. 2 ranked team in the Division 1 North bracket. This game again went to nine innings with Horgan legging out a triple and then she scored the game winning run on a RBI single by Burton.

"The team did a great job today," said head coach Audrey Cabral-Pini. "The girls were able to put the ball in play as well as executing some great sacrifice flies and bunts. They did not strike out at all today."

Woburn took a 1-0 lead in the first inning and stranded the bases loaded. Wilmington came back to tie the game up in the bottom of the third as Liz Gordon walked, was sacrificed to second by Ryan Bailey, and

that followed with consecutive singles by Kayla Bourrell and Dovidio, the latter getting credit for the RBI.

Woburn countered with two runs in the top of the fourth, and Wilmington responded with two more in the home half. Both Kieran and Burton reached on singles. After a force out at third, Gordon followed with a single to load the bases. Bailey followed with a single to score Burton, who made a hard slide at the plate to knock the ball out of the catcher's mitt. Then Bourrell drive in a run on a sacrifice fly.

Wilmington went up 4-3 in the bottom of the fifth as Goulet singled and then move dup two bases on a sacrifice bunt. Burton then drove her in with a single.

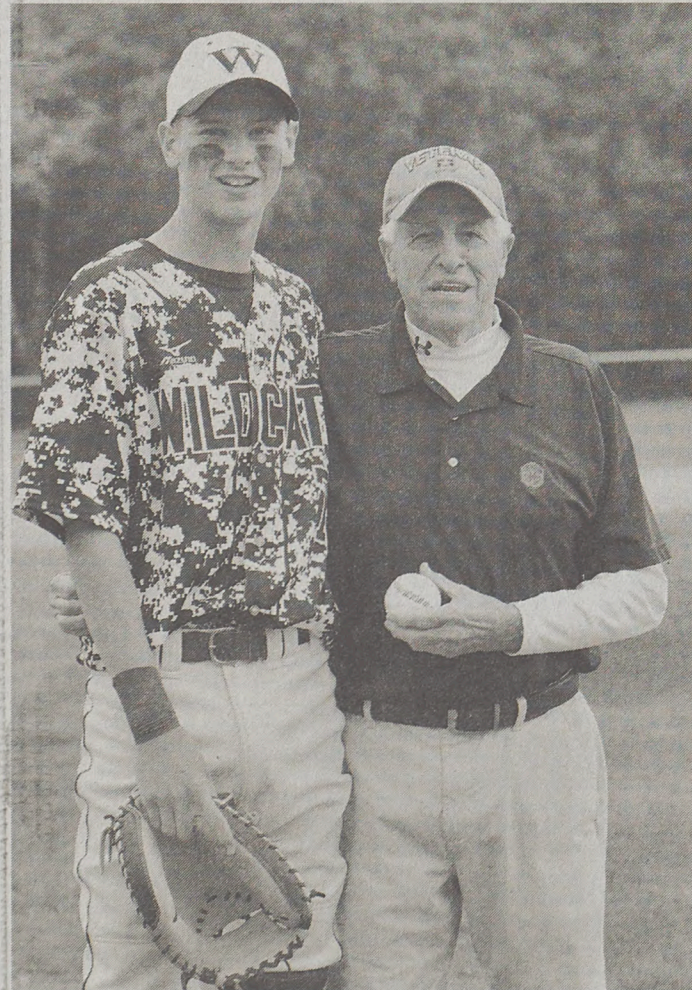
Woburn tied it up, sending the game into extra innings and that's when the 'Cats prevailed in the ninth. Gordon made a key defensive play to start a double play in the top of the seventh inning.

Wilmington's six-game winning streak then came to an end with a 6-4 loss to Everett on Sunday.



Wilmington resident and veteran Joe DuCharme threw out the first pitch of Sunday's Championship Game between Wilmington and Revere in the 16th annual Scanlon Memorial Tournament. He threw the pitch to the team's catcher Robbie DuCharme, his grandson.

(photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).



The senior members on this year's WHS Softball team includes from left: Morgan McLaughlin, Jenn Dovidio, Shannon Horgan and Chloe LeBlanc. (photo by Maureen Brady).





The Wilmington Grade 5-1 soccer team includes: Front row from left: Lily MacKenzie, Jessie Martinson, Molly MacDonald, Ashley Mercier, Alli Ganley, Ali Doherty and Tricia Stevens; back row from left: Coach Melissa Doherty, Nicole Morello, Emily Doherty, Grace Walsh, Julia Archer, Shaylan Bresnahan, Lexi Engvaldsen, Emily Grace, Riley Rourke and Coach Mike Mercier. Missing from the tourney is Lauryn Parr. (courtesy photo).

## Girls Grade 5-1 soccer team wins Danvers Tournament

The Wilmington Girls Grade 5-1 youth soccer team attended the Danvers Invitational Tournament over Memorial Day weekend.

The first game was against Marblehead Marauders. The game ended in a 1-1 tie with Riley Rourke scoring the lone goal off a pass from teammate Shaylan Bresnahan. Ali Doherty was awarded the sportsmanship medal for this match.

The second game was played shortly after against Danvers Velocity. The game ended in a 3-1 win for the Wildcats with goals scored by Julia Archer, Nicole Morello and Alli Ganley. Alli Ganley was awarded the sportsmanship medal for the game.

Sunday's matchup was game against the North Reading Attack. This team was fantastic competition for the Wildcats and ended in a scoreless game. Emily Grace was awarded the sportsmanship medal for the game.

The Wildcats ended up placing second in the standings after the first round of matches and moving onto the semi-finals games on Monday.

Monday's game was an intense matchup against the Danvers Lady Falcons. Shaylan Bresnahan scored the first goal off of a rocket corner kick to bring the score to 1-0. Danvers tied the game up shortly after to make it 1-1. The game ended in a tie at 1-1 which took the Wildcats into OT with having to play a full two 5-minute halves. Julia Archer quickly scored after the start of the OT off of a fantastic pass from Molly MacDonald to give the

Wildcats the lead.

With much game time left in the game the Danvers Lady Falcons tied up the game to make it 2-2. With the clock running out the Wildcats were forced to head into a shootout. This was the first shootout experience for the Wildcats and the pressure was intense!

The first Wildcats penalty kick was scored by Ali Doherty to make it 1-0. Danvers quickly came back to tie it up at 1-1. Nicole Morello was up for the Wildcats and scored the game winning PK to give the Wildcats the win at 3-2. Nicole Morello's was Wilmington's goalkeeper in net and gave a rock-solid performance. The Wildcats advanced onto the finals and traveled to Danvers High School.

The Wildcats played in the finals against the Beverly Mountain Lions. The Wildcats dominated this match with intense play from all the players. Two goals each were scored by Molly MacDonald and Ashley Mercier. The final score was 4-0 Wildcats to win the Blue Division of the Danvers Invitational Tournament.

The Wildcats had outstanding keepers all weekend that gave an impressive performance under high pressure situations that included: Riley Rourke, Ali Doherty, Emily Doherty, Grace Walsh, Lily MacKenzie, Alli Ganley, Ashley Mercier, Nicole Morello and Julia Archer.

The team is coached by Melissa Doherty and Mike Mercier.

### Sole Sisters Running Club Profile

# Picard builds friendships, strength and stamina

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WILMINGTON -- While each is an individual in her own right, there seems to be a common theme amongst a number of the Sole Sisters members, at least those interviewed thus far for this weekly feature profiling the popular Wilmington-based women's running club, founded by Jill Chisholm several years ago.

Each of the women has admitted hesitation about taking up serious running, but once they cleared some of the hurdles, including weight loss, it proved to be one of the best decisions they've made. These women have emerged with improved fitness, added friendships, and a newfound ability to cover long distances on foot in relatively brief periods of time.

Wilmington's Jennifer Picard, for instance, explains that her entry into the world of distance running and racing began with a simple glance in a mirror.

"After the birth of my youngest daughter, I looked in the mirror and didn't like the reflection," said Picard, who today boasts three daughters, Mallory, 2, Avery, 4, and Kailynn, 7. "I decided I needed to set an example of good health and fitness values for my daughters. I needed to take control of my life."

Taking control began in a local fitness studio where Picard set an imposing goal

to lose 80-pounds via standardized workouts combined with diet and calorie tracking. She took it a step further and completed a self-directed Couch-to-5K program, running mostly on a treadmill in the privacy of her basement. Despite the drive to fulfill her goals, Picard admitted to an inability to establish a "passion for running."

Drastic changes took place, however, after a friend introduced Picard to the Sole Sisters organization. At first, she needed gentle persuasion to join group runs.

"I'm not a real runner," she would claim, fearful of the caliber of the workouts. "I only ran to burn calories and felt I could never keep up with runners in an organized club."

After receiving assurances that she would be accompanied by experienced athletes and novices alike, Picard laced up her running shoes for a Saturday morning jaunt with a number of Sole Sisters. She was welcomed with open arms and quickly made a connection with Shannon Minghella, also a newly-minted Sole Sister. For more than two years since that first run together, the duo has been nearly inseparable.

"We've trained for countless races, ran together in the heat and sub-zero temperatures, and even through snowstorms," Picard recalled. "We experienced the ups-and-downs of terri-

ble workouts and fantastic runs, the ache of difficult track sessions and the joy of a personal record. Our friendship is what this special club is all about."

Through the trials and tribulations of distance running, Picard remained vigilant and confident. She increased her mileage incrementally, continued to join group runs with the Sole Sisters and soon, found her passion and became that "real runner." In doing so, she also became a shadow of her former self, reaching her weight loss goal.

"With time and commitment, I lost that 80 pounds and later, became a certified fitness instructor," shared Picard, who grew up in Everett and moved to Wilmington shortly before wedding husband Mark in 2007. "Most importantly, I looked in that mirror and liked what was staring back. I was finally the athlete that I always wanted to be."

In a brief year's time, Picard has completed several half-marathons and numerous 5K and 10K road races, earning personal bests of 26:13 for the 5K distance and 2:00:56 at the Baystate half-marathon, held in Lowell last fall. She is steadfast in capturing a sub-2 hour half-marathon but first and foremost, is this October's Chicago Marathon.

"Chicago will be my first 26.2-mile experience," said Picard, who graduated from Suffolk University and currently runs her own corporate talent acquisition and development consulting practice, KMA Talent Solutions. "I couldn't be more excited and nervous all at the same time. Fortunately for me, I'll be taking on this new challenge with a number of other Sole Sisters."

Picard, 36, has recently ramped-up her training regimen, adding speed workouts under the guidance of Coach Carmela Taveras. This popular technique, also known as interval training, is typically conducted on the track oval and features alternating degrees of high intensity circuits with minimal recovery. When done properly, this effort prepares a runner for changing speeds in racing situations, surging past competitors, and developing a devastating finishing kick.

"Track workouts are by far the most challenging and yet rewarding experience for me as a runner," said Picard, who also teaches fitness programs at a local fitness studio. "That feeling of pushing yourself to absolute capacity is exhilarating. And having the support of a great coach and running friends all working with you

is inspiring."

Distance running for many is often a lonely, individualistic pursuit but in the case of Jennifer Picard and the Sole Sisters, there seldom is a time when a club member doesn't have someone at their side, urging them along.

"It's hard to put into words all the things that are special about the Sole Sisters," shared Picard. "Of course, we are a running club and equally address the different training goals of competitive marathoners, as well as slower, developing runners. But we are also a club of women who have developed strong friendships and special bonds."

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The Sons of Italy Orioles behind the pitching of Dan Passerini and Dillon Bloom and the bat of Johnny Velozo, the Orioles beat the Pandolfo Company Yankees 11-3.

Passerini led the way on the mound for the Orioles pitching five innings, striking out six Yankees, while only scattering five hits and not walking a batter. Bloom came in to finish up in the sixth, striking out three.

Oriole hitters included Griffin Carr, Jacob Doherty, Ayden Balter (3 hits), Mason Rosner (2 hits), Bloom, Dom Gabardi, and Johnny Velozo with his first home run of the year.

For the Yankees Tristian Dimeco and Owen White pitched well, striking out nine Oriole batters. Jack Farrell (2 hits), Brett Ebert, Kevin Ackerley, Austin Harper and Dimeco all had hits for the Yankees.



Wilmington resident Jennifer Picard is a member of the Sole Sisters Running Group. (courtesy photo).


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# A big week for all of Shawsheen Tech Sports Teams

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BILLERICA - This past week was and this upcoming week will be very busy for the Shawsheen Tech spring sports teams. Recently, the Girls Lacrosse team won the State Voc Meet, while the Boys Lacrosse and Baseball teams have advanced to their Voc Championship games. Meanwhile, the softball team, along with the two lacrosse and baseball teams have all qualified for the state tournament, and lastly, the Track-and-Field teams had strong showing at Sunday's Division 3 Championship Meet held at Burlington High School.

## GIRLS LACROSSE

After beating last year's champion Essex-Tech, 8-7, last Thursday in the State Voc Semi-Final game, the Rams traveled to Rochester to take on Old Colony Tech for the Championship title on Sunday. The long drive was worth it as Shawsheen prevailed 12-7.

"It's so humbling to see these girls achieve such honorable titles," said Rams head coach Alex O'Reilly. "They were crowned champions over all the vocational schools in the state and that to me is just incredible. This team works so hard both on the field and off the field. They have made such a loving and positive family environment among themselves that you can't help but want to give them everything you possible can to help them succeed. At this point last year we had lost to our most competitive league opponent - Essex Tech. They won the Vocational Tournament last year and that broke our hearts. Everything my girls did in the past three months of the season was to prepare for this game. They call this season the 'Redemption Season' and they got that redemption in an 8-7 victory over Essex Tech during the semi-final round on Thursday. As good as that felt for them, the job still wasn't done. We traveled all the way down to Rochester to take on Old Colony and that win tasted even better than the Essex win."

Shawsheen got on the board first in the championship game as Catherine McKenna intercepted a 20-yard clear by the Old Colony goalie and stormed right back and put a shot to the back of the net in the third minute of the first half. Annie Riddle scored the second goal, and then both teams exchanged a series of tallies to which the game was tied up at 5-5.

With less than two minutes left in the half, Hannah Dechiara picked up a loose ball off a turnover, and turned it into a goal giving the Rams a 6-5 halftime lead. "(At halftime) the girls were not comfortable with the one goal lead," said O'Reilly. "They were playing very smart, but reserved. The captains talked to the team about playing with confidence and committing 100 percent to everything they do out there. The captains told the rest of the team that 'If you're going to cut on offense, don't hesitate just cut. If you're not sure if you should pick someone up on defense, don't hold back - pick em up.'"

The team responded. Riddle won the possession off the first draw and McKenna ended up with the ball and she deposited a quick shot for a goal coming in the first minute of the second half. McKenna added two more goals to expand the lead to 9-5 and the Rams cruised the rest of the way led by a strong defensive effort.

"Old Colony scored a few goals (late in the game), but our defense never slowed down," said O'Reilly. "Alesha Talbot totaled five turnovers in our favor, Annie Riddle earned five turnovers, and we had four defensive turnovers a piece from Ashlyn Troisi and Catherine McKenna. In net, Jess Sheppard had nine saves. She has had such a consistent season in terms of performance. She is never afraid to tell her defense

what she needs from them and she even contributes to her offense as she has the best seat in the house watching from center field down the other end. She had great confidence and communication on Sunday."

On Tuesday afternoon, the No. 11 seed Rams were defeated by the No. 6 seed Bishop Fenwick Crusaders, 22-7, in the first round of the Division 2 North Sectional Tournament. The loss ended the successful season for Shawsheen with a 9-7 overall record.

## TRACK-AND-FIELD

On Sunday, both the Shawsheen Tech boys and girls track-and-field teams competed at the Division 3 Championship Meet held at Burlington High School. The boys finished in a tie for 20th place with Marblehead and Danvers all scoring 13 points. Burlington won the meet with 90 points as a total of 26 teams scored at least one point.

The Rams had three individuals place in the top eight to combine for the 13 points. Sam Baker was the lone person to place in the top four, which puts him in this Saturday's All-State Meet to be held at Bridgewater State College. He earned that right after placing fourth in the triple jump with a mark of 42-09.50.

"Sam was fourth in the triple jump. He saved his best for last with a 42-9 (jump). His best jump before that was 41-10.50 so he made a major improvement in the final jump so when all of the chips are on the table, he makes it happen," said head coach Jeff McGrath.

Both Kyle Simons and Nick Gird finished fifth, just missing out on qualifying for the all-states. Simons competed in the 400-meter hurdles coming in at 58.27 and Gird was clocked at 11.55 seconds in the 100-meter dash.

"Kyle is kicking himself because he was just behind fourth place which would have qualified him for the all-states," said McGrath. "Again, he's a major improvement from last year and he is chomping at the bit to come back and go against these guys again (next year) so it's a terrific performance by him."

"Gird is really disappointed right now because the difference between third to fifth place is four-hundredths of a second and if he makes fourth, just one hundredth of a second better, he is at the all-state meet (next week). But he was twenty-eighth in his freshman year, fifteenth in his sophomore year and then fifth as a junior but nothing but improvement as he has gone along. He has made enormous strides."

The 4x100 relay team of Baker, Sam Chibok, Jared Mason and Gird finished 14th with a combined time of 46.48, and Mason was 34th in the long jump (18-10.25).

"It was unbelievably good day for us," said McGrath. "We had three medals with all of the finishers from fifth place and above and that was a major place. Believe it or not, I think some of the kids are actually disappointed because they were all aiming for something higher which is a good problem to have. When you do an incredible job and it's still not good enough, that's a great drive to have."

On the girls' side, Alex DiPerri was the lone representative and she finished 28th in the 100 (13.76) and 32nd in the long jump (15-05.50).

With the season over for all athletes except for Baker, McGrath was thrilled with how far the program has come.

"Absolutely. We took the success from last year and used it as a spring board for this year to make this season even more special. We finished 8-1 on the boys' side, then 7-2-1 on the girls' side and both teams just continue to improve. We actually return all but four seniors so we should be able to make some serious improvements next year as well."

## BASEBALL

On Tuesday afternoon, the



The Shawsheen Tech Girls Lacrosse team captured the State Voc Championship title on Sunday. The team includes: front row from left, Alesha Talbot, Sarah Constantino, Rhiannon Bent, Ashlyn Troisi, Catherine McKenna, Shelby Delosh, Christa Davis; middle row from left, Megan Brown, Brooke Johnson, Maddie Rumley, Jessica Sheppard, Erin Mader, Taylor Giordano, Jade Sweeney; back row from left, Assistant coach/junior varsity coach Heather McLaughlin, Annie Riddle, Manager Nicolas Troisi, Head Coach Alex O'Reilly, Shana Warford, Hannah Dechiara. (courtesy photo/Matthew Troisi)

No. 4 seed Rams defeated the No. 1 seed Greater New Bedford Voke, 4-2, in eight innings in the first round of the State Voc Tournament. The Rams will face the winner of Blackstone Valley and Worcester Tech for the championship title. But the first round win will and should go a long way.

"Greater New Bedford is a perennial Division 2 powerhouse," said Rams' head coach Brian McCarthy. "They always have a good baseball squad and it was a big game for us. They defeated us last year in the Voc Championship, 5-4, to it was good to get this one back."

Sophomore right-handed pitcher CJ Zemetres picked up the win. He tossed a complete game gem, giving up eight hits and one earned run, while he didn't strike out a single batter.

"He worked very efficiently which is something we emphasize," said McCarthy. "He pitched low (in the zone) and used his defense behind him which was stellar today."

McCarthy said that junior Chris Galinos had a strong defensive game. At the plate, Galinos was 2-for-3 with two RBI, James Alagna was 2-for-4 with a big two-run double in the top of the eighth inning.

On Thursday, the No. 6 seed Rams (16-4) will host the No. 11 seed Northeast Regional (10-8) in a Division 3 North first round state tournament game played at the new gorgeous home field starting at 4 pm.

"They are a solid team,

year in and year out," said McCarthy of the league foes. "This year, we beat them twice, but they were two close games, so we have to continue to pitch efficiently, play solid defense behind them and get some timely hits to win this game."

The rest of the bracket is loaded starting with Cape Ann League teams Lynnfield and the always dangerous North Reading Hornets. If Shawsheen prevails in the first round, it would face either No. 3 Lynnfield (18-2)/No. 14 North Reading (10-10) or No. 19 Saugus (8-12) in the next round. If the opponent is North Reading or Saugus, Shawsheen would host the game but would travel to Lynnfield.

"There are some really tough teams," said McCarthy. "Lynnfield has played lights out ball all year long. They are 18-2 and play a tough schedule too. North Reading is also in our bracket, a perennial power in the North - assuring that their are no easy games when you get into the state tournament. We will have to play mistake-free ball from here on out if we want to keep playing. As we tell our players 'we can't worry about anything else - just ourselves. Don't worry about who is in the bracket, what other teams are doing, just go out and play the best Shawsheen Baseball we can and let the chips fall where they may'."

In the team's final two regular season games, Shawsheen was defeated by Blue Hills, 3-2.

junior Sean Flagg pitched a complete game for the Rams, allowing two earned runs on nine hits, while he struck out three. Craig Rich Jr went 1-for-3 with a double, and Chris Ferrari went 1-for-3 with an RBI single.

The team rallied back to win its last regular season game a 13-1 domination over Bedford. Southpaw Anthony Medeiros improved to 3-0 on the season as he tossed six innings, giving up an earned run on seven hits while striking out five. Offensively, the team's 3-5 hitters, Craig Rich, Jr., James Alagna and Ryan Cummiskey combined to go 11-for-14 with nine RBI.

## SOFTBALL

On Friday, the No. 14 seed Rams (11-6) will host the No. 19 seed Gr. Lawrence Tech Reggies (9-9) in the first round of the Division 3 North sectional tournament starting at 4 pm. The team's faced each other once and Shawsheen prevailed, 15-5. Should Shawsheen prevail, it will move on to the next round to be played on Saturday at 5 pm, on the road against No. 3 seed St. Mary's of Lynn (18-2).

Shawsheen closed out its regular season with a 7-6 loss to Bishop Fenwick in a non-league game. Victoria Basle belted three hits, Bella Richard had two hits and two RBI, Katie Welch had

two hits and an RBI, while, Katelyn Logue and Kelsey Kelley each had two hits.

## BOYS LACROSSE

The Rams closed out the regular season with a 12-9 loss to Belmont last Wednesday, as Will Bouley and Jay Colletti had three goals each and Owen Sullivan had two. Also goalie Chris Abele made 18 saves.

The next day, Shawsheen topped Northeast Regional, 15-10, in the first round of the State Voc Tournament. Bouley led the way with five goals, while, Sullivan, Colletti, Griffin Blanch and Jacob Sinclair-Steeves each had two.

The team will play Blackstone Valley Tech in the finals with the day yet to be announced.

Until then, the Rams will have their hands full as the team drew Beverly in the first round of the Division 2 North Tournament. The game will be played Saturday at Endicott College at 2:30 pm. Beverly is the No. 3 seed at 10-9 and Shawsheen is the No. 6 seed at 15-5.

Beverly is a very good program," said head coach Chuck Baker. "They are one of the picks to be playing in the North Final. They have a lot of talent. We will have to bring out 'A' game on Saturday for sure."

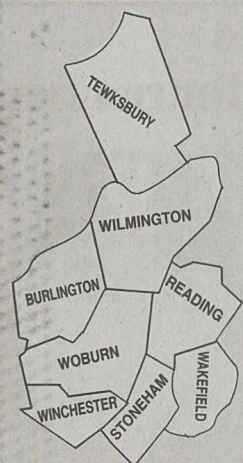


Above, Alex DiPerri gets a head start as she gears up for her attempt in the triple jump, and to the right, Kyle Simons competes in the 400-meter hurdles during Sunday's Division 3 Championship Meet held at Burlington High School.

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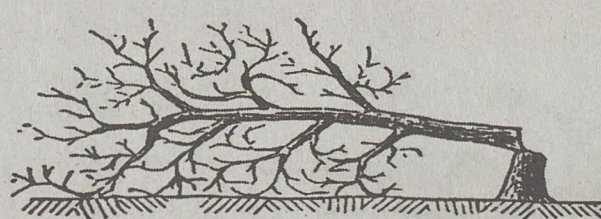
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## McKenna scores a big milestone

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very confident in my skill so I didn't take many risks and played it safe by passing the ball once I got it or not trusting myself to take it to the cage."

That all changed by gaining more experience and knowledge of the sport.

"Over that summer between freshman and sophomore year, I played in tournaments with Home Grown Lacrosse," said McKenna, who is also a member of the soccer and ice hockey teams at the Tech. "That is where I found my confidence on the field, playing with girls from all different teams taught me how to find my role on the field. This greatly impacted my sophomore season I was a whole new player, my teammates had a lot to do with this too, knowing they had my back made me comfortable on the field."

"Last year we had a big senior class so returning this year we were missing quite a few starters. Lots of underclassmen stepped up and were able to jump in when we needed them most. Our defense had to pick up on our style very quickly and they did an amazing job with it."

Last year, the Rams were defeated in the State Voc semi-finals to Essex Tech, before losing to Marblehead in the tournament to end the season. Just this past week, Shawsheen won the State Voc Tournament, and then faced Bishop Fenwick Tuesday night in the first round of the state tournament.

"This season has been great," said McKenna. "The team has come so far from when we started putting everything together in March. As a team we always set goals as we head into the season. Coach Alex



Shawsheen Tech junior lacrosse player Catherine McKenna, who recently scored her 100th goal, gets tripped up battling for the ball during an earlier season game.

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(O'Reilly) has us write them down and keep them on our sticks, knowing what we're working for and keeping that in mind pushes us even more on the field. She does a very good job keeping us motivated and encouraged when we're faced with new challenges.

"The team's goal on top of the list was to win the State Vocational Finals. Last year we were runner-up to Essex Tech after a tough fought game and this year we wanted to redeem ourselves. We did so by playing Essex Tech again this year in the semi-final round who we had beat once and lost to once in the regular season. We beat them in semi-finals 8-7 to bring us to finals. Our schedule changed a bit and we played teams we hadn't seen in the past but, in my opinion I think we reacted very

well to the changes we had to face this year. Qualifying for both State Vocs and the State tournament took a lot of hard work and we're excited to start up the state tournament with our first game against Bishop Fenwick."

Since netting the 100th goal against AP, Shawsheen has reeled off three straight wins, beating Assabet Valley 13-6 and then both Essex Tech, 8-7, and Old Colony, 12-7, to win the State Voc Tournament. In those three games she scored 14 goals giving her 114 for her career. Before Tuesday's game against BF, McKenna has scored 62 goals this season, while she also has 19 assists and caused 44 turnovers.

"Catherine is a great kid. Having a very talented athlete on a team is one thing, but when that athlete is one

of your hardest working players you have to give them a lot of credit," said O'Reilly. "As she finishes up her junior year I am looking forward and excited to see what she will do in her final season. She said to me last week 'I still have a few more goals I'm working towards so don't worry Coach, I'm not finished'. I have no doubt in my mind that she will continue to make our team proud in the 2018 season."

When asked to describe the 100th goal, McKenna said, "I owe that to my teammate Annie Riddle. She fed me a pass in the middle of the eight meter arc, so all I had to do was place the shot. Hitting this milestone was a big deal to me but I still have a lot more to hit in my career."

## Gillis, Vanderbilt, to compete in NCAA Tournament

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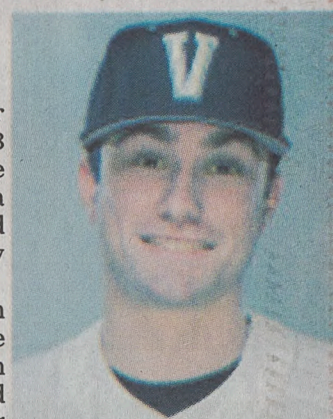
Vanderbilt freshman pitcher Jackson Gillis pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings, allowing one hit while also striking out a batter during a rain shortened 3-3 tie with Alabama on May 20.

Gillis entered the game with Vanderbilt trailing 3-1 in the top of the seventh, with two on and two out for Alabama and got the final out of the inning for the Commodores. He then pitched a scoreless eighth inning as Vanderbilt fought back to tie before the game was finally declared a tie after a one hour and 40 minute rain delay.

For the season, Gillis appeared in 14 games, all out of the bullpen. He has a 0-0 record with a 4.38 ERA. In 12.1 innings, he has given up nine hits, six earned runs, while he has walked ten and struck out 15.

For the 12th straight year, Vanderbilt (33-22-1) is headed back to the NCAA Tournament with a trip to Clemson as part of the Clemson Regional alongside UNC Greensboro and St. John's, who the Commodores play in the opening round.

Elsewhere, Assumption College junior pitcher Mike Curtis and his Greyhounds teammates wrapped up their season with a record of 17-25. Curtis led the Greyhounds with four wins on the season, while also posting a team best 3.28 ERA, to go along with 48 strikeouts and only 14 walks in 71 1/3 innings pitched.



JACKSON GILLIS

### TRACK-AND-FIELD

Bentley University senior Erik Alatalo was one of three members of the Falcons' men's track and field team to have receive All-East Region accolades from the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) for their performance during the 2017 outdoor season.

Alatalo turned in the region's fifth-best 10,000-meter time of the season at Connecticut College's Silfen Invitational on April 15, finishing in a time of 31:50.48. That time was also the eighth fastest in the event on Bentley's all-time list.

Alatalo also excelled in the classroom, as was recently selected for CoSIDA Academic All-District Honors for Track & Cross Country. In the classroom, he has posted a 3.84 grade point average while majoring in both accountancy and liberal studies.

### ROAD RACES

A handful of locals took part in the 'Exercise for Education 5K in Burlington'. The top local finisher was Kristi Templeton, of Wilmington who finished at 25:07, good for 34th place. Following behind her from Wilmington includes: Matthew Miller (52nd, 25:47), Meghan Dischino (57th, 26:17), Samantha Miller (114th, 29:07), Minda Qyrfyi (200th, 33:47), Lauren Stapleton (247th, 37:29), Elaine Small (249th, 37:59), Laurie DeFranco (280th, 42:12), Brendan Stapleton (323rd, 58:01) and Kevin Murphy (325th, 58:39).

Finishing the Gate City Marathon was KerriAnne Marino (114th).



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